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—Ben Bloom

## random dilemma

We asked. You responded. Here are the results from Wednesday's Random Dilemma, in which we asked if you would rather be a U.S. senator for 24 years or be the U.S. vice president for four years.

**48%** Be a U.S. senator for 24 years

**52%** Be the U.S. vice president for four years

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# THE WORK BEGINS

## Illinois Rep. Emanuel said to be tapped as Obama's chief of staff

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON** President-elect Barack Obama pivoted quickly to begin filling out his new administration on Wednesday, selecting hard-charging Illinois Rep. Rahm Emanuel as White House chief of staff while

### A DAY IN THE LIFE

On the morning after making history, Barack Obama had breakfast with his wife and two daughters at their Kenwood home, went to a nearby gym and visited his downtown offices.

Aides said he planned no public appearances until later in the week, when he has promised to hold a news conference.

As president-elect, he begins receiving highly classified briefings from top intelligence officials Thursday. AP

aides stepped up the pace of transition work that had been cloaked in pre-election secrecy.

Several Democrats confirmed that Emanuel had been offered the job. While it was not clear he had accepted, a rejection would amount to an unlikely public snub of the new president-elect.

With hundreds of jobs to fill and only 10 weeks until Inauguration Day, Obama and his transition team confronted a formidable task complicated by his anti-lobbyist campaign rhetoric.

The official campaign Web Site said no political appointees would be permitted to work on "regulations or contracts directly and substantially related to their prior employer for two years.

And no political appointee will be able to lobby the executive branch after leaving government service during the remainder of the administration."

But almost exactly one year ago, on Nov. 3, 2007, candidate Obama went considerably further than that while campaigning in South Carolina. "I don't



President-elect Barack Obama chose Illinois Rep. Rahm Emanuel (left) to be his White House chief of staff, his first selection for the new administration, Democratic officials said Wednesday. AP FILE

take a dime of their money, and when I am president, they won't find a job in my White House," he said of lobbyists at the time.

In offering the post of White House chief of staff to Emanuel, Obama turned to a fellow Chicago politician with a far different style from his own, a man known for his bluntness as well as his single-minded determination.

Emanuel was a political and policy aide in Bill Clinton's White House. Leaving that, he turned to investment banking, then won a Chicago-area House seat six years ago. In Congress, he moved quickly into the leadership. As chairman of the Democratic campaign committee in 2006, he played

an instrumental role in restoring his party to power after 12 years in the minority.

Obama's transition team is headed by John Podesta, who served as chief of staff under former President Clinton; Pete Rouse, who has been Obama's chief of staff in the Senate, and Valerie Jarrett, a friend of the president-elect and campaign adviser.

Several Democrats described a sprawling operation well under way. Officials had kept deliberations under wraps to avoid the appearance of overconfidence in the weeks leading to Tuesday's election.

They said the group was stocked with longtime associates of Obama, as well as veterans of Clinton's White House.

### VOTER TURNOUT

Voters cast their ballots Tuesday in numbers not seen in at least 40 years, as millions picked their president early and waited in lines that stretched the lengths of blocks and buildings. Here are estimates from Michael McDonald of George Mason University. AP

**133.3 million**

Number of people who voted for president

**122.3 million**

Number of people who voted in 2004

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Voter turnout rate

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Voter turnout rate in 1960, when John F. Kennedy won against Richard Nixon



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your parents  
having sex.**

# The chill is on— so go get busy

Panic is in the air. Yeah, you know what I'm talking about: You're running out of time to find that winter relationship.

Summer in Chicago is gone, reduced to a distant dream of North Avenue Beach, nonstop baseball games and members of the opposite sex of every shade, height and disposition gallivanting around while highly intoxicated.

For single Chicagoans, the fun is at an end. Not to get you down, but the despair about to set in as the days shorten and the wind turns bitter will crush your libido worse than the first time you accidentally allowed yourself a mental image of your parents having sex.

No one gets together during winter. Saturday night rolls around, and you don't feel like walking anywhere. Even if you do end up at a bar or a party, you're not talking to anyone, and I'll tell you why: Your winter coat naturally makes you unattractive. But are you going to just throw your coat in some corner and risk losing it? Hell no!

So you'll carry it around, and perhaps strike up a conversation ("Hey, I see you're also trying to clutch a drink while awkwardly carrying around your winter coat. Should we make out at the bar?"). Even if you do meet someone, though, there's no way you're going home with that person. For the love of God, what if you forgot your coat at his or her apartment?

This is one of your last chances. We still have a glimmer of fall left, and this is the perfect time to meet an adequate, passable significant other who will help you feel emotionally and sexually gratified during the dark winter months ahead.

Thanks to the election, Republicans are looking for solace of any kind. Just find one and say you can't wait for Sarah Palin to run in 2012, and you'll have yourself a date. On the other hand, Democrats are so stoked on their own juices right now that, basically, singles have a shot at anyone with an Obama-Biden button and a pulse.

However, this is not the time to get picky. Guys, we must lower our expectations. Let's face it: You and I—we're pretty regular-looking. We're not about to date the Lincoln Park equivalent of Heidi Klum, so the first time you spot the Old Town equivalent of Julia Stiles, get her damn number.

And ladies—oh, dear God, ladies—you have to lower your expectations of men so spectacularly, I don't even know where to begin. Just forget about his looks and the possibility that he is at all interesting. If he has enough brain cells to buy you dinner and tell you you look nice, hang on to him until the first thaw around mid-March.

Who knows, single Chicagoans? Maybe this desperate approach will strike gold, and you'll find the love of your life. ... And, if not, no worries: By May, the good-looking people will all be drunk on outdoor patios again. **STEPHEN MARKLEY IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**

## CORRECTION

A photo in Tuesday's Whoville was incorrectly labeled as Luther Campbell. The 2 Live Crew pioneer is pictured at right.



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# Obama's ripple effect

What his presidency may mean to Chicago now and in the future

## IMMEDIATE IMPACT

### Tourism

The Land of Lincoln will enjoy another "presidential halo effect" on its tourism industry, observers say. The Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau predicts increased interest in South Side areas tied to Obama and in Springfield, where he announced his candidacy. European tourist agencies already are making inquiries, said Mark Theis, executive vice president of the bureau. Still, the tourism bump may be smaller than it was for other recent presidents, said hospitality expert Bjorn Hanson of New York University's Tisch Center. "When President Bush Sr. went to Maine it had a significant boost to tourism because of scenes of him in his boat, fishing," he said. "I don't foresee too much of Barack Obama water-skiing behind a boat on the lake."

### Kennedy Expressway

The airport closest to Obama's home, Midway, has no runway long enough to accommodate the 747 often used as Air Force One. Which means Obama is likely to land at O'Hare and head south on the Kennedy Expressway, causing annoying tie-ups. One alternative would be for him to travel by helicopter from O'Hare. Perhaps the inconvenience will prompt the new president to fast-track the efforts of Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., a national campaign co-chairman, to build an airport near Peotone.

### His neighborhood

Will TV's glare ruin the Hyde Park area's mix of upscale intellectual life and downscale street culture? Will local treasures like Valois, a steam-table restaurant with the slogan "See your food," be plundered by national correspondents looking for feature stories? The only solution: When strangers ask for directions to "Val-wah" (the French pronunciation) instead of "Val-oyz" (the Hyde Park pronunciation), the locals should feign ignorance.



## LONG-TERM IMPACT

### Olympic bid

In the bidding war for the 2016 Olympics, Chicago's hand just got hotter. With Obama as president, "that's Chicago's ace in the hole," said sports industry expert Marc Ganis. Obama's win represents a shift in foreign policy that should play well with International Olympic Committee members, who will select a host city next October, observers say. If Chicago is selected, Obama's presence in the White House likely will help efforts to land federal funds for transportation projects in time for the Summer Games, said sports economist Allen Sanderson, of the University of Chicago.

## SHORT-TERM IMPACT



### University of Chicago

Obama, a former U. of C. law professor, has included the university's experts in his brain trust. Will any of them move to

Washington? And will the U. of C. steal the Ivy League's reputation as launching pad for presidents? Since universities love earmarks as much as paving contractors do, the U. of C. grant writers must be salivating. The university gets \$330 million annually in federal funds. If it can't up the loot—with a former professor as president and with First Lady-to-be Michelle still in the U. of C. Medical Center's employ—then surely dumbing down has come to the Midway.



### Oprah Winfrey

It's not as if Winfrey really needed a boost in popularity. But Obama's victory is a landslide victory for her, endorsing her remarkable influence. Her phone calls to the White House will be answered.



### William Ayers

The professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago should not bother checking his mail for an inauguration invitation. His connections with Obama were grist for conservatives throughout the campaign season. While the effect on Ayers' career will take time to gauge, it's undoubtedly been negative. Last month, the University of Nebraska canceled an Ayers speech, citing security concerns.

### Mass transit

State and local transit officials are buzzing about the federal grants that could come to northeastern Illinois with the help of the Obama administration. Some believe the potential Obama bonanza will far exceed the transit funding heyday years when Dennis Hastert, the Republican from Yorkville, was House speaker. But don't spend the money yet. An unanswered question is how Obama will rank transportation in relation to other pressing priorities. Do you recall Obama talking during the campaign about gridlock and about getting people out of their cars and into modern shiny trains and buses? Probably not.

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Banners congratulating Barack Obama hang Wednesday outside City Hall. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE**

# Tuesday's big winner: Chicago

**The Windy City can take credit for a lot of things—and now that includes a president**

## Chicago Tribune

We split the atom, invented the skyscraper, reversed a river, linked a sprawling continent by rail and air, butchered the world's hogs, rose from the ashes of an historic blaze, rigged a World Series, raised graft to an art form, and all but trademarked the political machine.

Yet Chicago, a city defined by superlatives and cunning, had never in its 175 years produced the ultimate American leader. Until now.

Wednesday was nothing short of a "pinch-me" moment in Barack Obama's adoptive hometown, the weather remarkably warm for November and the civic mood even warmer.

"Chicago is alive and refreshed," said 34-year-old Charlie Hill as he strolled through Grant Park, the site of Obama's victory rally just hours before. "I feel [his] presence in the city. Chicago is a winner as well."

Across the metropolis, the sweeping presidential victory of Obama was being celebrated as a moment of intense Chicago pride and opportunity for a city that historically—and quite literally—has been at the crossroads of our ever-evolving nation.

Chicago becomes an instant international showcase as the architects of the next American agenda gather here over the coming months to build their new administration. The worldwide attention could enhance the city's prestige and influence and even give a boost to its 2016 Olympic bid.

"There will be a shining light on Chicago and on Illinois for the next several years," said Chris Mooney, a professor of political studies at the University of Illinois at Springfield. "Look at the Texans involved when Bush won. Think of Arkansas. Whoever heard of Little Rock before Bill Clinton?"

Chicago, of course, has always been cosmopolitan, but its urban grandeur somehow remained one of the world's best-kept secrets. Around the world, many still associate the city with Hollywood-reinforced images of bootleggers and Al Capone.

Obama's ascension bathes his city in a fresh and progressive new light.

"It's a homecoming to celebrate," Mayor Daley said on Wednesday. "It's a baptism. It's a bar mitzvah. It's everything put together."

This being Chicago, of course, some politicians wasted little time dreaming up their pork-filled wish lists for Obama once he takes charge of the federal purse strings. "One word: money," said Ald. Emma Mitts. "You're supposed to take care of home first, aren't you?"

Chicago politics has long been defined by such narrow outlooks. But political author F. Richard Ciccone said the success of Obama's candidacy demonstrates that Chicago's image as a haven for hacks is a worn-out cliché that no longer fits modern reality. Obama's presidential rivals, first Democrat Hillary Clinton and later Republican John McCain, got little campaign traction with efforts to stress his ties to Chicago politics.

"I just wonder if we're the only people in the world who still think Chicago has a tarnished reputation?" said Ciccone, an expert on City Hall's historic impact on presidential politics. "I don't think the rest of the country views Obama as coming out of that rotten corrupt Chicago political organization."

## Obama's team players

Barack Obama's presidential campaign has turned some of the Chicago members of his inner circle into celebrities, while others have remained known only to a more local audience. Whether or not they take up a Washington address, here is a short list of local advisers who are expected to have Obama's ear when he gets to the White House. **TRIBUNE**



### Eric Whitaker

He and Obama were Harvard grad students together and Whitaker has been a frequent companion along the campaign trail. As a state senator, Obama recommended him for a state job to Antoin "Tony" Rezko, convicted in June on federal corruption charges, and Whitaker became state public health director. These days, Whitaker is an executive at the University of Chicago Medical Center, as is Obama's wife.



### Valerie Jarrett

A close friend of both Barack and Michelle Obama, she was named Wednesday as one of three people to head Obama's transition effort. She also could be on the list of Obama successors or serve in a top advisory role in the White House.



### Penny Pritzker

She was the national finance chair of Obama's campaign and is a real estate executive who also has overseen non-hotel properties for her billionaire family's Hyatt chain. She also serves on the city's 2016 Olympic panel.



### William Daley

A former Commerce secretary in the Clinton administration, he served as an adviser to Obama's campaign while also eyeing a potential run for Illinois governor.



### David Wilhelm

A part of the Washington-Chicago axis in the Clinton White House, he has worked with David Axelrod, run campaigns for Mayor Daley and worked on campaigns with William Daley.



### David Axelrod

A political media guru for nearly a quarter of a century, the chief strategist for Obama's presidential bid has turned down overtures from Washington in the past.



### Cass Sunstein

A colleague of Obama's at the University of Chicago Law School, he's also provided advice on legal matters to the president-elect.



### Marty Nesbitt

The chairman of the Chicago Housing Authority, he's been the treasurer of Obama's campaign and served a similar role on the Democrat's ill-fated congressional bid in 2000.



### Arne Duncan

He's been the CEO of the Chicago Public Schools for more than seven years and has been an adviser to the Obama campaign on education issues.



## The perfect presidential pooch

### Chicago Tribune

Unlike previous White House dogs, America's next First Pooch may come from more humble beginnings.

The Obamas appear to be leaning toward a rescue dog in what could be the 44th president's first major appointment. President-elect Barack Obama announced Tuesday that he would fulfill a campaign promise to buy his daughters a puppy.

"Sasha and Malia, I love you both more than you can imagine," Obama said in his election night address. "You have earned the puppy that is coming with us."

Throughout the campaign, the Obamas dropped hints about the dog, whose adoption was promised regardless of the campaign's outcome. Malia, 10, expressed a desire for a "goldendoodle," a golden retriever-poodle hybrid that isn't recognized as an official breed by the American Kennel Club. And Michelle Obama told reporters in October that the family would select a rescue dog from a shelter. Any pet, however, must be hypoallergenic because of Malia's allergies.

At the PAWS Chicago Adoption Center, officials said they would be able to find a designer puppy to meet both Malia's needs and her mother's prerequisites.

Public opinion, however, may be at odds with the next First Family. In a recent American Kennel Club survey, voters said they would like the Obamas to adopt a purebred poodle.

A dog of unknown pedigree would be a rarity in the White House, where 22 of 43 presidents have owned purebreds. President Bush has two Scottish terriers, Barney and Miss Beazley, who have their own government-run Web site.

Should the Obamas go with a purebred, they would do so over the objections of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. PETA president Ingrid Newkirk urged Obama to buy a pound pup.

Modern history has not been kind to White House mutts. Jimmy Carter was the last president to bring a mixed breed dog to Washington, but the pooch, Grits, was quickly banished due to "belligerent" behavior.

# Sen. Blagojevich?

## Obama's promotion leaves open Senate seat

### Associated Press

The campaign of change that led Barack Obama to the White House will bring tangible change to Illinois, where Democratic Gov. Blagojevich has the task of selecting the junior U.S. senator's replacement.

It's a position of power the embattled Blagojevich, whose administration has been dogged by federal investigations, seems to relish.

"I've never had more friends than I do today," Blagojevich said Wednesday. "And when I make the final decision, I won't have nearly as many as I have now."

The governor could tap virtually anyone to fill the rest of Obama's six-year term that ends in January 2011—and he made it clear he's not rushing the decision. He said he'd like to make an announcement before Christmas, but cautioned he didn't want to over-promise.

While the law sets no timetable, the appointment is likely to come in time for the Jan. 3 start of the 111th Congress.

The governor said he didn't want to think about Obama's successor before the election, afraid of creating bad karma.

"I had this nightmare that if I did that I would jinx him," Blagojevich said.

He said he has not yet spoken to Obama.

Much speculation, some fueled by the interested parties themselves, has surrounded



Gov. Blagojevich speaks on Wednesday in Chicago. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE**

### NO FAVORITES

On Wednesday, Gov. Blagojevich said he doesn't have a favorite candidate and that members of his senior staff would help vet those interested in the job. The only legal restrictions are that the person must be at least 30 years old, a U.S. citizen for at least nine years and an Illinois resident.

members of Illinois' congressional delegation, including black Chicago Reps. Jesse Jackson Jr. and Danny Davis, along with white

Evanston Rep. Jan Schakowsky.

Another name repeatedly brought up has been Tammy Duckworth, a disabled Iraq war veteran who lost her first political race in 2006 running for Congress in Chicago's suburbs. She has since become the governor's veterans affairs director.

Blagojevich wouldn't give a hint about who he might choose, but said he doesn't want the job.

"I'm not interested in the U.S. Senate, I like my job as governor," he said.

# Meet the soon-to-be first lady

### Chicago Tribune

Despite a grueling campaign schedule that took her from one end of the country to the other, Michelle Obama managed to maintain an equally hectic schedule in Chicago that included soccer, ballet and birthday parties for her two young daughters.

For Obama, a self-described "multi-tasker," life has been a balancing act between family and duty, and those who know her best said that will not change when she becomes first lady.

"She has incredible integrity. Whatever she strongly believes in, she puts everything into it. And she is very passionate about family," said Yvonne Davila, a former City Hall co-worker and friend for 18 years.



**Michelle Obama**

Cleveland and Edith Roosevelt, she will have to balance her duties as first lady with raising young children.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Obamas will be the fourth family with children younger than 10 years old to occupy the White House. And like Jacqueline Kennedy, Frances

Like First Lady Laura Bush, Obama has surrounded herself with a small circle of girlfriends—doctors, lawyers and

businesswomen who not only provide a support system but also keep her grounded. And like Bush, Obama will likely maintain those close bonds when she moves into the White House.

During the presidential campaign, Obama and Davila kept their Saturday morning routine.

Davila took Obama's 7-year-old daughter, Sasha, and her own 9-year-old daughter to dance class while Obama drove Malia, 10, and Davila's 10-year-old daughter to soccer. Afterward, they met for lunch and sometimes a movie.

"Like all of us, she juggles her job as a wife and mother, and she will take that with her to Washington," Davila said.



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# Holograms on CNN? Not really

By Steve Johnson

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Not to be too much of a 3-D-image-projection party pooper, but:

Princess Leia in "Star Wars" projected by R2-D2 into a room and pleading, "Help me, Obi-Wan Kenobi. You're my only hope"? Not a hologram.

Correspondent Jessica Yellin and singer will.i.am projected from Chicago into a New York studio Tuesday night during CNN's Election Night coverage?

Not holograms, either, despite Yellin's comparing herself to Leia and host Wolf Blitzer's saying, "Jessica, you're a terrific hologram."

But that image of Michael Jordan circling a basketball around his waist inside a plastic tube at Chicago's Museum of Holography?

That is a hologram.

It was a mild shocker Tuesday when CNN claimed to have resurrected the "hologram," beaming its interview subjects across the country so that Blitzer could talk to what looked like an irradiated person standing there with him.

The standard reaction was somewhere between "Gee whiz" and "Oh, please."

And those in the know weren't buying.

"This is not a hologram," said Tung Jeong, a 76-year-old retired Lake Forest College physics instructor who now devotes his time to teaching holography.

And at the University of North Carolina, physics professor Charles Bennett was having none of it, either.

"I am absolutely sure that it is not a hologram in the literal sense," he wrote in an e-mail. "A 'real' hologram uses diffraction to reconstruct the wave front that would have come from the actual 3-D object. A hologram cannot be viewed from the front AND from behind as in the CNN segment—this was a dead giveaway that the image shown was not in fact a hologram. A real hologram can only be viewed within a specific range of viewing angles."

And then there's the not far-fetched prospect of actual holographic TV, Jeong said, a set you could look at as if into a 3-D world.

If they live so long, Blitzer might one day be accurate when he calls Yellin "a terrific hologram."

## Franken race recount

The Minnesota Senate race is heading for a recount.

Republican Sen. Norm Coleman finished ahead of Democrat Al Franken early Wednesday in the final vote count, but his 571-vote margin falls within the state's mandatory recount law. That law requires a recount any time the margin between the top two candidates is less than one-half of one percent.

The Associated Press called the race prematurely in Coleman's favor and later uncalled the race.

Minnesota Secretary of State Mark Ritchie said the recount won't begin until mid-November at the earliest and will probably stretch into December. AP



Same-sex couple Kristina Haas (right) and Jennifer Briz on Wednesday leave a clerk's office after they were denied marriage at San Francisco City Hall. AP PHOTO

# Tough day for gay rights

California voters approve same-sex marriage ban

## Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** Voters put a stop to same-sex marriage in California, dealing a crushing defeat to gay-rights activists in a state they hoped would be a vanguard, and putting in doubt as many as 18,000 same-sex marriages conducted since a court ruling made them legal this year.

The gay-rights movement had a rough election elsewhere as well Tuesday. Amendments to ban gay marriage were approved in Arizona and Florida, and Arkansas voters approved a measure banning unmarried couples from serving as adoptive or foster parents. Supporters made clear that gays and lesbians were their main target.

But California, the nation's most populous state, was the big prize. Spending for and against Proposition 8 reached \$74 million, the most expensive social-issues campaign in U.S. history and the most expensive campaign this year outside the race for the White House. Activists on both sides of the issue saw the measure as critical to building momentum for their causes.

"People believe in the institution of marriage," Frank Schubert, co-manager of the Yes on 8 campaign said after declaring victory early Wednesday. "It's one institution that crosses ethnic divides, that crosses partisan divides. ... People have stood up because they care about marriage and they care a great deal."

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Similar gay marriage bans had prevailed in 27 states before Tuesday's elections, but none were in California's situation—with about 18,000 gay couples already married. The state attorney general, Jerry Brown, has said those marriages will remain valid, although legal challenges are possible. AP

With almost all precincts reporting, election returns showed the measure winning with 52 percent. Some provisional and absentee ballots remained to be tallied, but based on trends and the locations of the votes still outstanding, the margin of support in favor of the initiative was secure.

Exit polls for The Associated Press found that Proposition 8 received critical support from black voters who flocked to the polls to support Barack Obama for president. About seven in 10 blacks voted in favor of the ban, while Latinos also supported it and whites were split.

Californians overwhelmingly passed a same-sex marriage ban in 2000, but gay-rights supporters had hoped public opinion on the issue had shifted enough for this year's measure to be rejected.

"We pick ourselves up and trudge on," said Kate Kendell, executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights. "There has been enormous movement in favor of full equality in eight short years. That is the direction this is heading, and if it's not today or it's not tomorrow, it will be soon."

The constitutional amendment limits marriage to heterosexual couples, nullifying the California Supreme Court decision that had made same-sex marriages legal in the state since June.



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## Obama unites immigrants

### Chicago Tribune

For many immigrants and their descendants, Barack Obama's election Tuesday finally redeemed the Statue of Liberty's promise of freedom and opportunity for all.

Cabbies weaving down Michigan Avenue saluted the milestone with their horns, rolling down windows to yell congratulations in Arabic and Urdu, Spanish and Yoruba. The people gathered in Grant Park stood undivided by ethnic group, as if anxious to embrace the sentiment behind the words "United States of America."

When Obama was pronounced the winner, it was an emotional triumph for his fellow African-Americans. But the moment also was electrifying for immigrants from other lands, from the Middle East to Latin America to the Pacific Islands.

"To see someone become president who isn't white, I can identify with that," said Lily Taino, 37, a benefits administrator for an actuary firm who is the daughter of Filipino immigrants.

A beacon for the rest of the world, America's democratic principles have long drawn a rainbow of peoples. But up close, it sometimes seemed like theirs was a dream deferred. Taino's parents believed in America as the land of opportunity. Instead the family saw a society where white men monopolized power in corporate life and the public sphere, and minorities felt like outsiders.

To many, Obama's election felt like their nation was finally living up to its ideals.

"America passed a litmus test," said Keith Brown, 35, a college adviser whose family reflects the ethnic quilt that is America today. He is African-American but said Cherokee blood also runs through his veins. He has cousins who are half-Asian and half-white.

Yusuf Hameed, a 31-year-old cab driver from Nigeria, phoned Africa and found that people there were celebrating too. A friend called from England to share in the excitement Hameed felt on Michigan Avenue.

"What a wonderful day!" said Hameed. "What a wonderful country!"

### O, baby!

After leaving Barack Obama's crowded Grant Park celebration because of painful contractions, a Chicago couple walked to a downtown hospital and brought a baby boy into the world. Mawi Asgedom said he and his wife were listening to the president-elect speak, but when his wife's pain became too intense, the couple ended up leaving and walking to Northwestern Memorial's Prentice Women's Hospital, NBC reported.

### Man charged over firearms

A Chicago man was among six individuals accused of federal gunrunning charges for illegally buying eight firearms in Mississippi in 2005, authorities said Wednesday. Marlan Griggley, 31, was charged in a criminal complaint with conspiracy to violate federal firearms laws. Authorities said U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agents were arresting the other five defendants who acted as "straw" purchasers by buying the weapons on Griggley's behalf.

### Man killed during dice game

A Round Lake man was shot to death during a dice game Tuesday night in Englewood, police said. About 11:40 p.m., officers found Anthony Murdock, 23, of the 1200 block of Railroad Avenue shot multiple times in the chest in the 7000 block of South Perry Street, Officer Amina Greer said. Murdock was able to talk to investigators before he was pronounced dead in Stroger Hospital.

### 'Cadillac Bandit' arrested

Federal authorities arrested a 57-year-old man for a bank robbery that occurred in the western suburbs last week. He also is considered a suspect in connection with three other Chicago-area bank robberies since April. John Donaldson was arrested on Sunday by FBI agents as he was leaving his residence, according to the FBI. Donaldson, was dubbed the "Cadillac Bandit" for using an older model Cadillac to escape robberies.



## Foot Locker drama

A car is removed from a Lawndale Foot Locker store Wednesday. Chicago police were searching for at least one person who crashed the car, which was reported stolen, through the window, then made off with merchandise. MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE

## Daley seeks ticket amnesty program

### Chicago Tribune

Mayor Daley offered an amnesty program for parking and red-light tickets Wednesday as he looks to dull the impact of his unpopular proposal to boot vehicles with two delinquent tickets.

The City Council is being asked to approve a plan allowing drivers to get a 50 percent reduction on penalties on tickets issued before 2007. But you would get that break only if you pay the original fine in full.

For example, a driver who received a \$50 ticket and also faces a late-payment penalty of another \$50 would settle the

debt by handing over \$75 under the amnesty deal.

The grace period would run from Dec. 1 through Feb. 14.

The mayor still wants to lower the threshold for applying the Denver boot to vehicles to two delinquent tickets from the current standard of three.

Many aldermen had balked at the change.

Daley said the amnesty would generate \$1 million for the city, which faces a \$469 million budget shortfall.

Asked if the amnesty would soften council opposition to the booting plan,

Daley replied, "They'll realize the city needs some money. For us to send people out there and hire lawyers and constantly go after [ticket scofflaws], you're wasting a lot of money. ... That's what we're trying to show people, especially the aldermen."

Daley's revenue director, Bea Reyna-Hickey, said the last such amnesty in 2002 provided for waivers of all outstanding penalties.

Also Wednesday, Daley said his administration had agreed to a union proposal that would reduce the number of city employees facing layoffs.



# Yahoo's fate unclear as Google abandons ad deal

Google has scrapped its Internet advertising partnership with struggling rival Yahoo, abandoning attempts to overcome the objections of antitrust regulators and customers who believed the alliance would give Google too much power over online commerce.

The retreat announced Wednesday represented another setback for Yahoo, which had been counting on the Google deal to boost its finances and placate shareholders still incensed by management's decision to reject a \$47.5 billion takeover bid from Microsoft six months ago.

To Yahoo's dismay, Google backed off to avoid a challenge from the U.S. Justice Department, which said it would sue to block the Yahoo deal to preserve competition.

"The arrangement likely would have denied consumers the benefits of competition—lower prices, better service and greater innovation," said Thomas Barnett, an assistant attorney general who oversees the Justice Department's antitrust division.

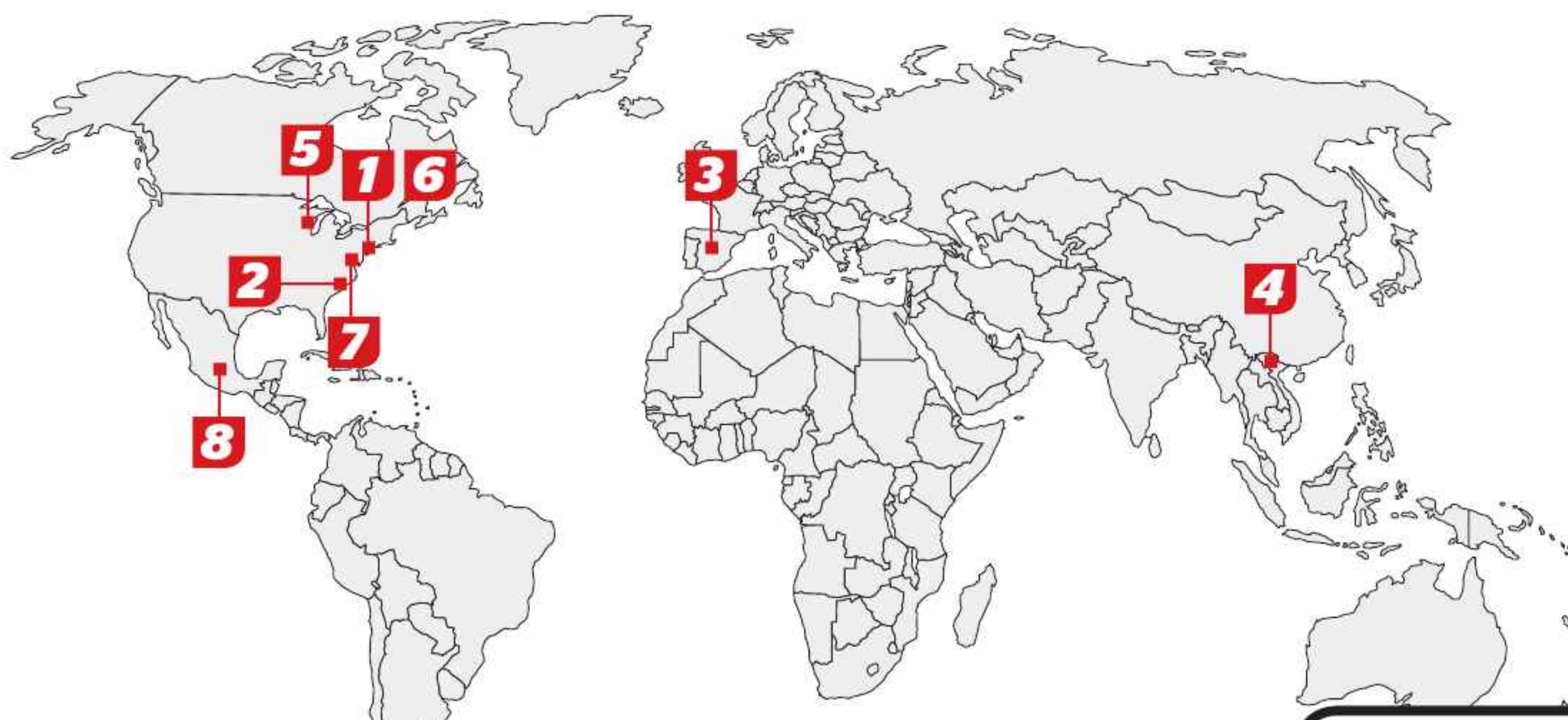
Without Google's help, Yahoo now might feel more pressure to renew talks with Microsoft and ultimately sell itself for much

less than the \$33 per share that Microsoft offered in May.

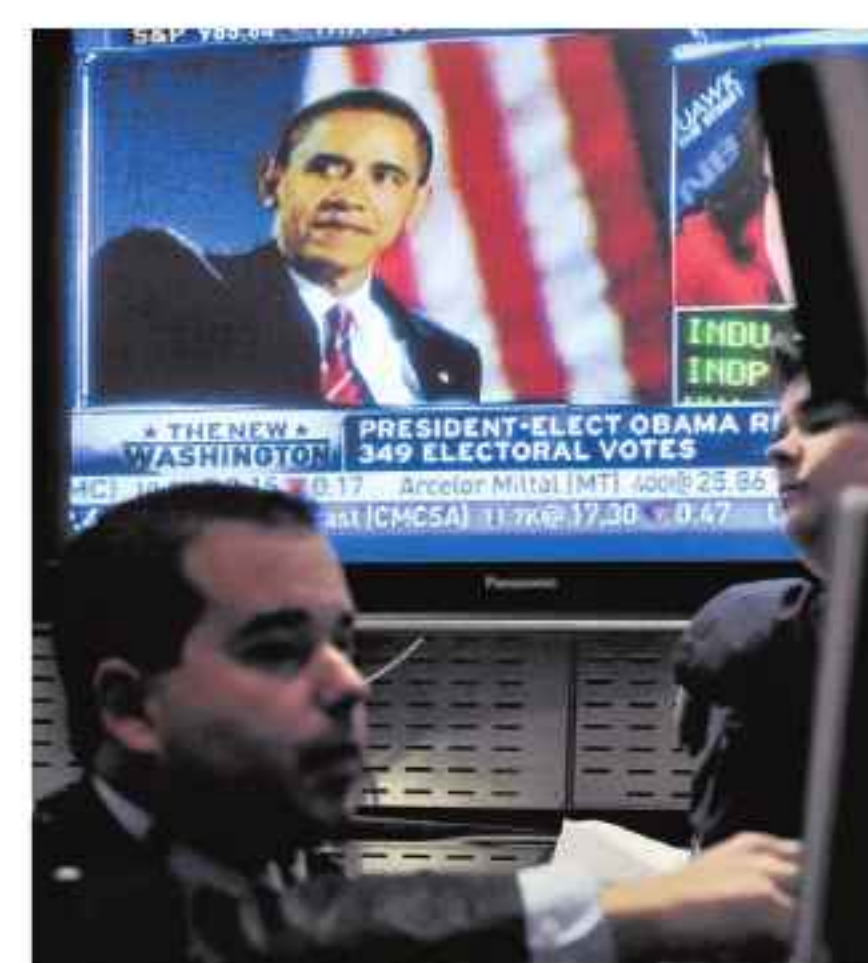
Surrendering the chance to sell ads on Yahoo's popular Web site won't be a significant financial blow for Google, which already runs the Internet's largest and most prosperous advertising network.

The collapse of the Google-Yahoo alliance could become a coup for Microsoft.

Although it has publicly said it's no longer interested in buying Yahoo, Microsoft spent a lot of time and money trying to keep Google and Yahoo from coming together.



**8 MEXICO CITY** Forensic workers survey the scene of a fiery plane crash Wednesday. The accident during rush-hour traffic claimed the life of Mexico's most powerful official after the president, a heavy blow to the government's escalating battle against drug cartels. AP PHOTO



## 1 Obama up, stocks fall

A case of post-election nerves sent stocks plunging Wednesday as investors, again anxious about recession fears, began questioning what impact a Barack Obama presidency will have on the overall economy. The Dow dropped more than 350 points and the major indexes all fell more than 3 percent. AP PHOTO

## 2 Duct tape on a plane

An airline crew used duct tape Saturday to keep a passenger in her seat because they say she became unruly, fighting flight attendants and grabbing other passengers, forcing the flight to land in North Carolina, the FBI said Wednesday.

## 3 Bin Laden's son denied

Spain rejected an asylum request from a son of Osama bin Laden on Wednesday after deciding he had not met the conditions for him to remain.

## 4 Flood toll rises

Pumps ran nonstop in Hanoi on Wednesday to clear water following the city's worst rainfall in 35 years, in storms that sparked flooding across large sections of the country and left 92 people dead.

## 5 Second chance

Police in Milwaukee say a teen boy survived after being accidentally dumped into the back of a recycling truck and compacted. The teen ran away Monday from a boot-camp-style school and hid in the bin.

## 6 Arms dealer trial

A wealthy arms dealer has gone on trial in New York City on charges he tried to sell millions of dollars in weaponry to Colombian rebels so they could attack Americans.

## 7 2 skydiving deaths

Police in Orange, Va., are investigating a second fatal skydiving accident at the same airport in less than two months.

## More airline fees

Delta Air Lines, the world's biggest carrier, said Wednesday it will impose a \$15 fee to check a first bag, becoming the last of the six legacy airlines to impose such a fee.

The carrier also said it is cutting certain other fees as it aligns its policies with those of Northwest Airlines, which it acquired last week.

Delta said that effective immediately, for traffic on or after Dec. 5, customers flying within the U.S. will be charged \$15 for the first checked bag and \$25 for the second checked bag when traveling domestically, consistent with Northwest's existing policies.

And now for some good news: As for curbside check-in, Delta said that, effective Dec. 5, it will drop the \$3 fee it has been charging.



# Fiery duo

Chicago's McBride, Blanco a love-hate tandem

## Chicago Tribune

One is arguably Major League Soccer's biggest villain. The other is an American soccer hero.

Together, Cuauhtemoc Blanco and Brian McBride have been making the Fire a hard team to like—or dislike.

McBride is the former U.S. forward with a knack for scoring goals. The three-time World Cup veteran earned respect from peers and fans for his success in England's Premier League as well as his tendency to put his body on the line.

"McBride is one of the more honest players we've had," Fire forward Chris Rolfe said. "He'll get fouled and will try to stay on his feet."

Some believe Blanco does the exact opposite.

During the broadcast Thursday of the Fire's 0-0 play-off draw with the New England Revolution, ESPN color commentator and former U.S. captain John Harkes accused Blanco of "falling for no reason" and applauded the ref for not calling a foul. Blanco's 76 fouls suffered during the regular season led the league.

"He's not only good—especially technically—but he's also smart," Revolution defender Michael Parkhurst said of Blanco. "He knows when to go down and draw fouls. It's frustrating when you don't think it's a foul. It gets guys riled up."

"He can be a pain with his antics, but you know that going in."

As for Blanco playing on the same team as McBride, Parkhurst said, "It's crazy how that worked out. I doubt Brian ever thought he would be playing with Blanco."

Many Americans have seen Blanco as the enemy for longer than a decade because of his time with the rival Mexican national team. The two-time World Cup veteran not

only frustrated the opposition with his creativity and playmaking abilities, but also his diving, complaining and showboating.

"When you bring that sort of flare, one side is going to love you, and one is going to hate you," Revolution goalkeeper Matt Reis said.

Blanco has said in past interviews that he doesn't mind the "hate." McBride believes that indifference has shown on the field. "It definitely doesn't seem to cause him to play poorly," McBride said. "It's important that everybody expresses their personality. Sometimes that gets under the other team's skin."

When Blanco scores a goal, he will strike the pose of Aztec ruler Tlatoani Cuauhtemoc. When McBride scores, he kisses his ring finger as a tribute to his wife.

"They're obviously two different people," Fire midfielder John Thorington said. "McBride is one of the best American national team players in the recent era—and those U.S. fans hate Blanco."

"But Blanco isn't all villain. I've never seen the fanatical support Blanco gets in some places. He's idolized by so many [Mexican fans]."

Blanco and McBride combined for six goals and five assists in the

Fire's last five regular-season games. Rolfe believes the two stars will give him and his teammates confidence when they face the Revolution in the do-or-die second leg Thursday night at Toyota Park.

"They've been in big games, and they know how to get the job done," Rolfe said.

"If we have any doubts in our mind, we can look over at them and think, 'Our team is going to be all right.'"



***They're obviously two different people McBride is one of the best American national team players in the recent era—and those U.S. fans hate Blanco.***

**FIRE MIDFIELDER JOHN THORINGTON**

Brian McBride threads the ball through defenders Oct. 30 during a game in Foxborough, Mass. AP PHOTO





New England Revolution forward Abdoulie Mansally (29) attempts to shield the ball Oct. 30 from Chicago Fire midfielder Cuauhtemoc Blanco (10) in Foxborough, Mass., during the first of two playoff games. AP PHOTO

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## The Whiz Quiz

Think you know your stuff? Test your sports smarts against RedEye's prognosticating pooch Whizzer.

In 12 playoff meetings between the Fire and the Revolution, how many times has the visiting team won? Text "**fire**" and the number of your answer to **47383**. I'll text ya back to tell you if you got the answer right or wrong.

1.0 2.2 3.4 4.6 5.8



## A real revolution

Pity the Chicago Fire. Not only is the team one of the brightest spots in the city's dreary sports landscape, but it also is saddled with the task of helping stop New England/Boston's athletic juggernaut. Between the New England Patriots, Boston Red Sox, Boston Celtics and others, the Northeast has dominated sports in recent years. Here's the proof.

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### NFL

The Patriots have been the model of consistency in football, until quarterback Tom Brady went down with a knee injury this season, however. Since 1995, the Patriots have only missed the playoffs four times, and they won the Super Bowl in 2002, 2004 and 2005. In 1985, however, the Bears crushed the Pats in the Super Bowl, 46-10.

### NBA

Boston has a long and storied tenure of success in pro basketball. The Celtics have won the title 17 times, most recently in June when they rekindled their rivalry with the L.A. Lakers, winning the series 4-2. Not only that, but the Celts have produced some of the game's greats, including Larry Bird, Bill Russell, John Havlicek and Robert Parish, among others.

### MLB

In 2004, the Boston Red Sox won their first World Series since 1918, when they, appropriately, toppled the Cubs 4-2. They returned to the playoffs in 2005, when the White Sox swept them. The Red Sox redeemed themselves with another World Series title in 2007. This past season, the Tampa Bay Rays knocked Boston out of the playoffs. Boston also made appearances in the playoffs in 1990, 1995, 1998, 1999 and 2003.

### NHL

The Boston Bruins last won NHL titles in 1970 and 1972, but they went to the playoffs in three straight seasons from 2002-2004. In 1990s, the Bruins earned a trip to the playoffs every year except 1997. That's consistency.

### MLS

The Revs have been mainstays in postseason play. They made it to the playoffs in 1997, 2000 and 2002-2007, with appearances in the MLS Cup in 2002, 2005, 2006 and 2007. In addition, the Revs qualified for the U.S. Open Cup in 2001 and won it in 2007.

## Oprah: World's best agent?

Let's pause for a second on the much-deserved Barack Obama adulation to marvel at the persuasive powers of Oprah Winfrey.

The talk-show queen helped put the first African-American president in the White House. The White House, I say!

Forget about sports agents. If I were Jerry Reinsdorf, I would ask Winfrey to lure LeBron James to the Bulls.

And if that doesn't work, then she could at least hip Joakim Noah to some better hair-care products. I mean seriously, Winfrey's hair has more bounce than a Derrick Rose dribble.

### Bringing it back to politics ...

Obama wasn't the only one making history this week. Retired NBA point guard Kevin Johnson was elected Sacramento's first African-American mayor. British driver Lewis Hamilton became the youngest (23 years old) and first black to win the Formula One world title this week. Shawn Carter, a.k.a. Jay-Z, a.k.a. Hova, a.k.a. Hov, a.k.a. Jigga, a.k.a. part-time New Jersey Nets owner, is rumored to be considering a run for the New York mayor's office in 2009. So would you call him mayor Jigga, Hov or what?

I do know what to call New Orleans Saints running back Reggie Bush. He is definitely sprung, and I'm not talking about his knee.

Bush, healing from a knee injury, opted not to travel with the team to play the Chargers in London for their Oct. 26 game.

Instead, he partied with girlfriend Kim Kardashian in Las Vegas during her 28th birthday party. Days later, photographers snapped photos of the lovebirds getting their groove on at several Halloween parties.

She dressed up as Wonder Woman and a Flapper girl. He dressed up as a \$52 million injured running back. (Just kidding ...)

Look, athletes are completely entitled to enjoying their free time and don't owe us anymore than that. May I just suggest one thing? Next time you tell the boss you're out with a jacked-up knee, maybe don't get caught in a picture dancing with your girl in Vegas? I'm just thinking out loud here.



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# Star gazer

RedEye's "Fame Game" columnist Shannon J. Owens is used to writing about stars. The rest of our panel just thinks they are stars.



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**1** If the Bulls were to trade someone, whom would it be and why?

Joakim Noah. Just because I've always wanted to see Tracy cry.

Joakim Noah for Moses Malone would be a trade of biblical proportions.

Trade the whole team, Luol! That make you happy? And by "happy," I mean "good."

Trade Drew Gooden's beard now.

Get Oregon State hoops coach Craig Robinson. He could get the Obamas to games.

**2** Imagine LeBron James in a Bulls jersey.

OK, just did it. Weird ... in my mind he looks exactly like Heather Graham.

I'd rather see Obama in a Bulls jersey. "Just try and foul him." —Signed, the Secret Service

No, I don't want him stretching out the neck hole.

Do I have permission to imagine him in Bulls shorts too? Please.

I'm also seeing stars, unicorns and dancing cookies ... Oh, wait, I'm dreaming.

**3** The Fire can advance in the MLS playoffs tonight. What are their chances?

.0000001%. Whoops, thought you meant what are the chances I care about the Fire.

Excellent. And I'm sure the Fire will carry the torch of Chicago teams' playoff success.

Outlook bad for teams sharing their name with disasters. Dallas Mavericks, just you wait.

Better than LeBron ever playing for the Bulls.

Is David Beckham making a guest appearance? That's the only way I'm watching.

**4** Baseball teams have been warned about the economy. How can they save money?

Allow one ball to be used per game and hire UFC fighters to get back fouls and homers.

Not to worry. By presidential decree, I've just been named executor of their accounts!

I'd say they should liquidate their assets, but Canseco just danced for my nickels.

They could help us all save money by lowering the price of a beer by about \$30.

No need to worry. The Rays made it to the World Series, so hell's already frozen over.

**5** Help Lance Armstrong make up his mind about competing in the Tour De France.

Don't do it. It's not like life is short or anything.

How about instead of the Tour, you just sign up for a really aggressive spin class?

Oh, Lance, you'd be nuts not to.

Lance will be allowed to tow Matthew McConaughey on a Tag Along.

Hey, Lance, there's a pretty blond-haired trophy at the end.

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Just a couple days after hosting Barack Obama's election victory rally, can the city handle a Fire victory celebration?

The final game of the team's MLS series against New England is tonight at Toyota Park, so get ready to party in Bridgeview—or prepare for another playoff ouster at the hands of the Revs.

For the city's sports sanity, let's hope for another great Chicago Fire.

Here now, my TV picks.

**MLS**  
Eastern Conference  
semifinals, Game 2

**New England  
at Chicago**  
7:30 p.m. ESPN2

Is it possible for a playoff series to go two full games without a score? If any sport could do it, soccer is it.

**NBA**  
**Philadelphia  
at Orlando**  
7 p.m. TNT

Bulls fans can watch in envy as Elton Brand becomes a star on yet another team.



Phillips  
AP FILE

## WORLD SERIES OF POKER

**LAS VEGAS** With more than \$9 million on the line, Dennis Phillips didn't want to leave the table.

The 53-year-old trucking account manager from suburban St. Louis was confident he had his opponents sized up after seven days of no-limit Texas Hold 'em at the World Series of Poker main event in July.

Then play stopped. "Pure poker playing, I wanted to stay at that damn table," Phillips said. "I finish anything but first, and I'm going to feel like it affected me."

Now Phillips has to re-examine those assumptions that gave him a nearly 2 million chip lead with nine players left and get things rolling again to win a final table playing 117 days after its participants were set.

Play resumes Sunday at Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

"I'm going to have to start all over again," Phillips said. The nine men who plodded through the enormous field this summer have had more than three months to think about the biggest score of their lives, their stake in \$32.6 million to be split among them. They each were paid ninth-place money, \$900,670, on July 15.

The break was designed to build interest in the final table's "November Nine." For ESPN, the break means the winner will be known only a few hours—not months—before the network's broadcast at 11 p.m. Sunday.

## The November Nine

Here are the nine players left in the WSOP main event.

- » **Dennis Phillips**, 53, of Cottage Hills, Ill., 26.3 million in chips
- » **Ivan Demidov**, 27, of Moscow, 24.4 million
- » **Scott Montgomery**, 26, of Perth, Ontario, 19.7 million
- » **Peter Eastgate**, 22, of Odense, Denmark, 18.4 million
- » **Ylon Schwartz**, 38, of Brooklyn, 12.5 million
- » **Darus Suharto**, 39, of Toronto, 12.5 million
- » **David "Chino" Rheem**, 28, of L.A., 10.2 million
- » **Craig Marquis**, 23, of Arlington, Texas, 10.2 million
- » **Kelly Kim**, 31, of Whittier, Calif., 2.6 million

## HOMETOWN HITS



Kyle Orton, wearing a protective brace on his sprained right ankle, walked into the media room Wednesday optimistic he would return to the lineup sooner rather than later. "I don't know exactly what the timetable is going to be, but I just feel like if I keep making improvement, I certainly can't rule out this week," Orton said. But the reality is Orton is unlikely to play Sunday against Tennessee.



## Cleveland 107, Bulls 93

LeBron James scored a season-high 41 points—15 on free throws—and Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 15 points and 10 rebounds, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 107-93 win over the Bulls on Wednesday night.



Forward Adam Burish avoided a suspension for his role in a skirmish during Monday night's win over the Colorado Avalanche. Burish left the bench during a scuffle between teammate Colin Fraser and Avalanche players. NHL rules call for an automatic 10-game suspension for leaving the bench during a fight, but Burish was just completing a line change when he stepped back onto the ice and didn't throw any punches.

## WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Ball State 45, Northern Illinois 14

# Give 'em a hand

## Election playas

Barack Obama wasn't the only big winner on Tuesday. Many politicians with sports ties proved successful in the political arena too. Here are some of them.



**Kevin Johnson**,  
NBA, Sacramento  
mayor



**Heath Shuler**, NFL,  
North Carolina con-  
gressional seat



**Sam Wyche**, NFL,  
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## How to handle yourself when private goes public in coed bathrooms

By Lisa Arnett

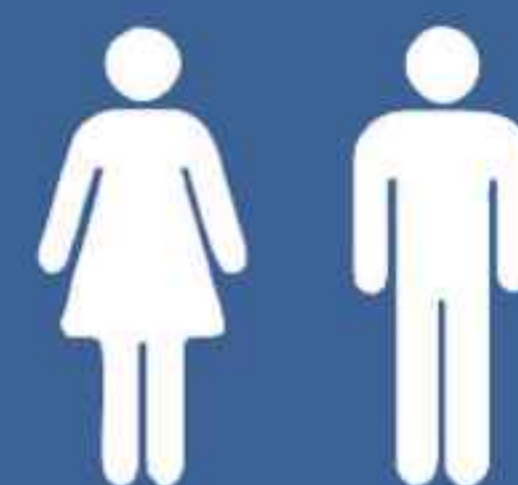
**T**his way to the girls' room; that way to the boys' room. Not so at new spots shaking up the status quo we've known since elementary school. At foodie magnet The Publican, the tables are communal and so are the bathrooms. And top-floor lounge Vertigo tries to claim as much space as possible for mingling, including the coed hand-washing area equipped with a window to order a drink from the bar. So what's appropriate and what's not? We tapped etiquette expert Lizzie Post of the Emily Post Institute to answer some of our burning bathroom questions.



Hold the phone, hand washers. Vertigo's sink space is coed.

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# Potty talk



### Vertigo

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**At Vertigo, just the hand-washing area of the bathroom is coed. What's the best pickup line to use over the sink?**

**Lizzie Post:** I'm not known for my pickup lines ... but I could envision [that a] guy and girl both walk up to the sinks and he accidentally leans in and gets a water mark across his leg. And he goes, "Oh, crud." And she goes, "Oh, no!" and they start talking. [But] I don't think it would go, "Oh, god, can you see that zit on my chin? Do you want to go out?"

**This will no doubt put some usually private scenarios out in the open. How would you handle, say, gingerly cleaning a spilled cosmo off the front of your top?** [Perhaps] have your gal pals circle you so you can have some privacy for a minute, or drag some supplies back to the stalls? All of a sudden this becomes a place where I say, "Hey, I have to do this in front of all these people," and maybe I leave the club.

**Is it acceptable to freshen up by drying your armpits using the hand dryers, a la Madonna in "Desperately Seeking Susan"?**

I forgot about that! This is the thing: You

have to think about what kind of image you're putting out there. If I'm out for the night with the girls, I'm not trying to meet anybody, and in all honesty, I don't care what others think about me, then yes, I'm going to dry my armpits at the hand dryer. If I'm out on a date and there's a chance that he could walk in ... then I wouldn't do it.

**There's actually a tiny window where you can order a drink from the beer and wine bar. Benefits? Possible faux pas?**

Why do I need to order my beer from the [bathroom]? Why? Then I've got to wait in [there] to get my beer. And maybe then it becomes a thing where you can't go to the bathroom because so many people are trying to circumvent the actual bar by going to the window. I just think they have set themselves up for annoying possibilities.

**Should you avoid ordering a glass of chardonnay or any other yellow-hued drink?**

Oh, my god, I never thought of that. "Excuse me, is that beer or urine you're holding?" Aw, man, that's gross. I think personally, I just wouldn't order from a service window in a bathroom.

### The Publican

845 W. Fulton Market, 312-733-9555

**Beer steins in glass display cases decorate the inside of the stalls in this coed bathroom. Is it OK to inquire about which beer stein is in the case in your neighbor's stall? Not unlike, "Could you hand me some toilet paper?"**

**Lizzie Post:** I think I might wait until they were gone and then take a peek. Maybe if you're in there with a group of friends, but to a stranger, let's not try to get a conversation rolling in the stalls.

**Acceptable or no: Asking your sink neighbor what head cheese is really made of?**

I think that's a question best reserved for your server. Or if you're too embarrassed [to ask], then text someone when you go to the bathroom. I would say food is not my top list of things to talk about when you go to the bathroom.

**What about complaining about breaking the seal after one too many Belgian beers?**

I think that's normal kind of bathroom talk ... so I think that depends on your circle of friends. [But] to a stranger, you

always want to think about what you're saying, no matter where you are.

**On our last visit, we spotted a dude bypassing the sink and going straight for the door. How do you handle the too-quick hand washer, or worse, the not-at-all hand washer?**

Really, there's nothing you can do. Going up and saying "Eww, you're so gross" is really not considered appropriate. You also have to realize you have no idea who has washed their hands or not when you're out in public with them. But when you start thinking about the world like that, it all of a sudden becomes a very germ-ridden place.

**Any suggestions for The Publican about cracking down on these offenders?**

I would love to have a place that actually has someone there to say, "Sir, you forgot to wash your hands." But that would be terrible. I'd love it, but at the same time, could you really imagine?

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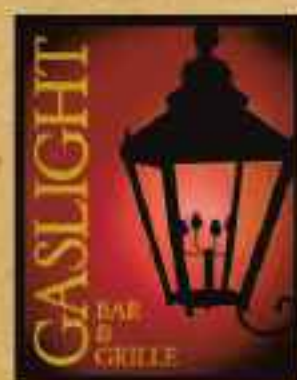
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#### th 6 Reel us in

Piper's Alley Theater, 1608 N. Wells St.

Salute LGBT filmmakers at **Reeling 2008: The 27th Chicago Lesbian and Gay International Film Festival**, which kicks off with a screening of Laurie Lynd's "Breakfast with Scot." The comedy stars Tom Cavanagh ("Scrubs") and Ben Shenkman ("Angels in America") as a discreetly gay couple who get custody of a flamboyant 11-year-old child. A post-party with Lynd at Salon 1800 (157 W. North Ave.) includes appetizers and an open bar. 7:30 p.m. \$38-\$40 for film and party; \$13-\$15 film only. 773-293-1447. Tickets: [reelingfilmfestival.org](http://reelingfilmfestival.org)

#### Windy city

Holstein Park Fieldhouse, 2200 N. Oakley Ave.

Get a breath of fresh air at the **Zephyr Dance Fall Concert**. The modern dance ensemble performs works including a preview of artistic director Michelle Kranicke's latest work-in-progress, "Erased Dance," which features an original score by Chicago composer Michael Caskey of "found" sounds such as squeaking furniture and footsteps. 7:30 p.m. Through Saturday. \$10-\$15. 773-489-5069.

#### fri 7 The bright stuff

Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave. 312-397-4010.

Take a look at the bright side of life during this month's **First Fridays** installment, which boasts an illumination theme in honor of Jenny Holzer's new "Protect Protect" exhibit. Test out glow-in-the-dark bodypaint and find your match at a digital dating bar. Includes appetizers and beats by DJ group MASH. Cash bar. 6 p.m.

#### sat 8 Wig out

Hydrate, 3458 N. Halsted St.

Local singers from the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus are queens for a day at the group's **Lipstick and Lyrics-Bad Girls** benefit. The fifth annual revue features performances by Anita Tension, D'Manda, Betty Tuckwell and others. A pre-show reception includes appetizers, cocktails and a raffle. 8 p.m. \$20. 773-296-0541.

#### sun 9 Fur real

Gorilla Tango Theatre, 1919 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-598-4549.

The **Circus Cats of Chicago** are back. Watch feline troupe The Acro-Cats ride skateboards, roll barrels, ring bells, push carts, walk the high wire, climb ropes, jump through hoops and play musical instruments. 1 p.m. \$10. Tickets: [gorillatango.com](http://gorillatango.com)

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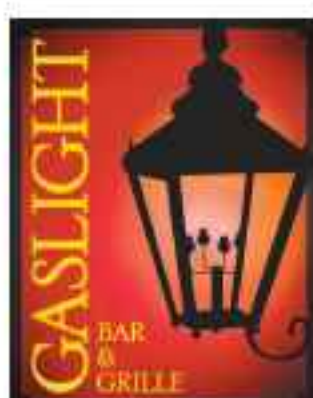


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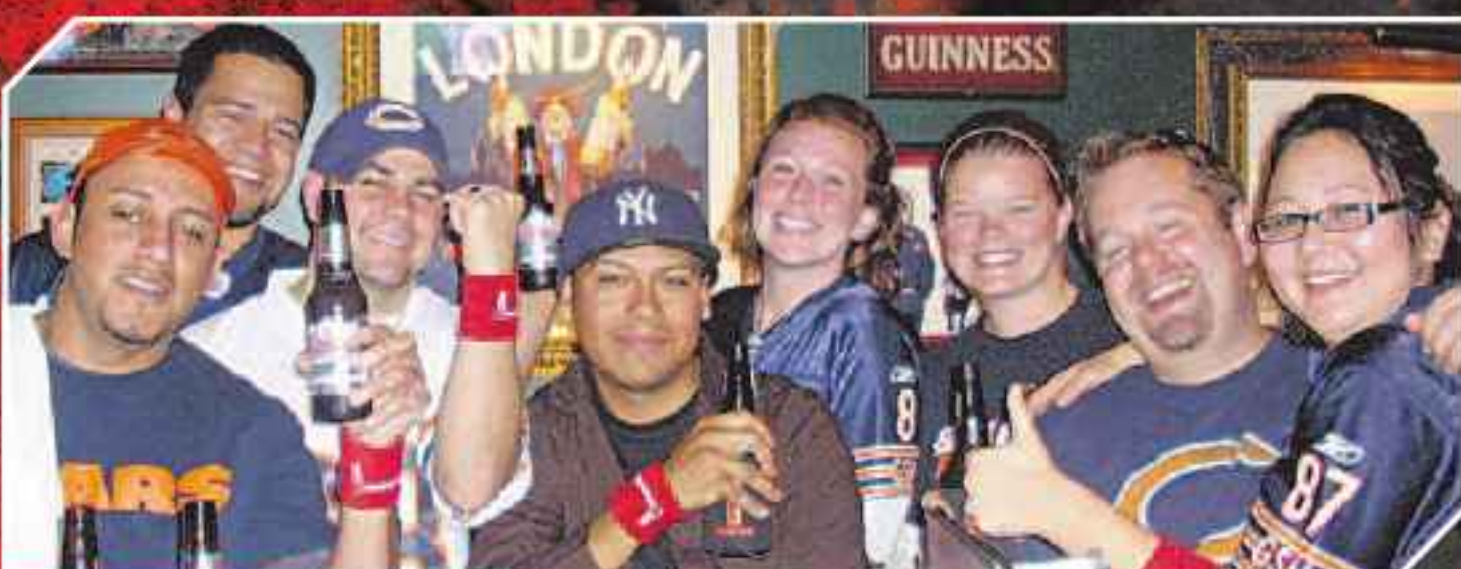
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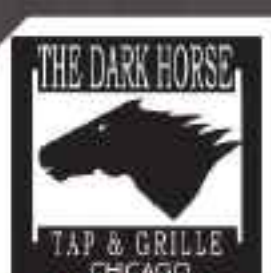
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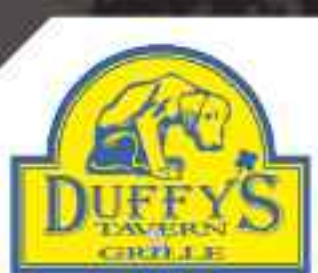


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# Counter point

Why, hello there. Have we met before? I am the Great Burgerelli. My adventures take me far and wide as I search for the perfect patty.

This month, I ventured to Lincoln Park to sample the goods at The Counter, a 2-month-old restaurant specializing in burgers with a stunning array of toppings—I'm told there are more than 312,000 possible combinations. The Counter is part of a nationwide chain, but I shan't hold that against them. (Every burger deserves a chance!) I tried the Counter Burger, piled delightfully high with provolone, lettuce, tomato, fried onions, sauteed mushrooms and sundried tomato vinaigrette.

## BURGERELLI BREAKDOWN

**The burger:** When the Great Burgerelli sees a  $\frac{1}{3}$ -pound burger priced at \$10.25, he expects perfection. I readied myself for a potentially life-changing experience, making sure to ask the kind gentleman who took my order how the patty should be cooked. He advised medium, which he described as "pink throughout with a dark red center." Imagine my surprise when a dull brown patty with a slightly pink center arrived! This "medium" burger was too dry for the Great Burgerelli's precious palate.

**The bun:** Oh, dear. Save for the toasting, this standard bun would have been right at home next to the Wonder Bread in aisle 4. Needless to say, it was a bit basic for the Great Burgerelli's refined tastes.

**The fixings:** If variety truly is the spice of life, The Counter should serve a most lively burger. Alas, quantity does not compensate for quality. The fried onions were light and crisp indeed. The vinaigrette, however, tasted overpoweringly of thyme. And why were the tomato and lettuce placed under the patty, instead of on top? This was simply confounding, as it caused my burger to slip off the bun repeatedly. Horrors!

**Everything else:** Fried pickle chips? A delightful idea! Curiously, no one seems to have noticed that heat gives pickles an odd rubbery texture. I turned my attention to a simpler pleasure, French fries, in hopes of redemption. But the fries were on par with

## About the Great Burgerelli

Who is the Great Burgerelli, you ask? I, the Great Burgerelli, am a fearless seeker of fine burgers. I have no patience for simple hot dogs. Chicken sandwiches bore me. And don't even get me started on Italian beef!

Not just any burger will do. I am on a hunt for the best burger in the city, and I will leave no menu unturned. I try a new burger the first Thursday of every month. Join me on my noble quest, won't you?

those you'd find at McDonald's and similar shrines to culinary mediocrity.

**Burgerelli's bottom line:** Granted, I only tried one burger at a spot that claims to offer more than 312,000. That burger, however, was the Counter Burger. And when one puts one's name on something, should one not take extra pride in it? The Great Burgerelli was sadly disappointed, and so the quest continues.



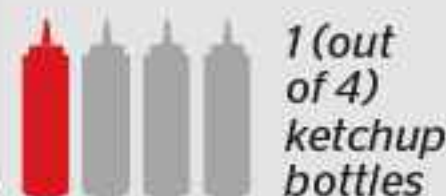
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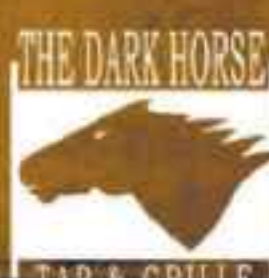
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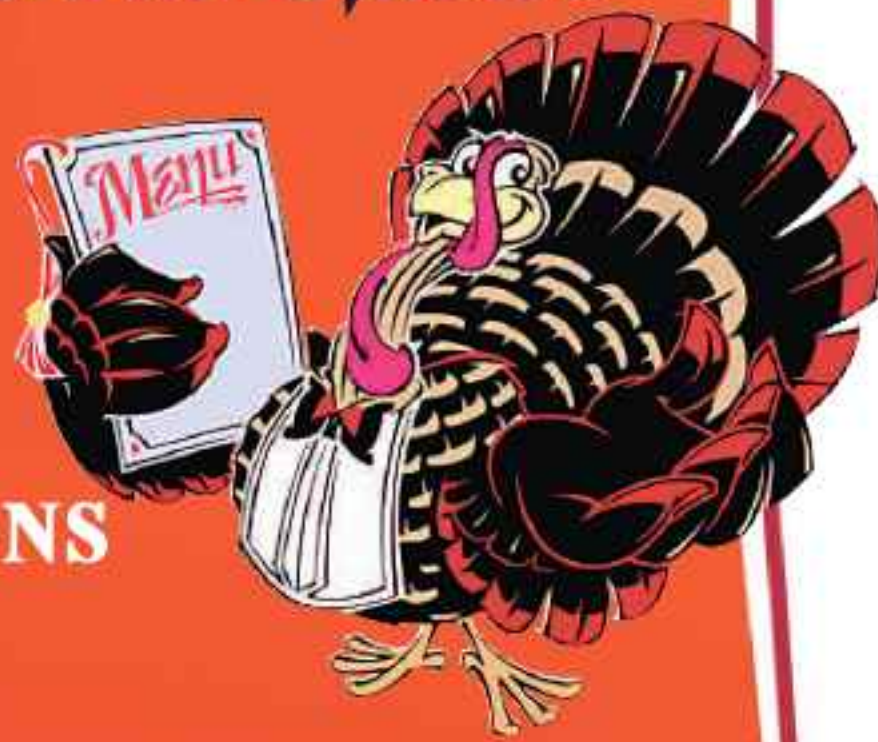
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# Chicago transplant Bell ready to rock

By Jennifer Wagner

FOR REDEYE

Singer-songwriter Neill Bell has always had a musical bent.

The North Carolina native, 32, was influenced early by artists such as Neil Diamond and Neil Young "just because we had the same name." And the connection proved serendipitous. He started writing Neil-inspired songs as a kid, before he could even play an instrument.

Bell followed a meandering path through college, took a culinary school hiatus, did the whole "beach/mountains thing" in North Carolina and had a stint in Colorado. After that, he experienced a quarter-life crisis.

"I was doing the whole surfing and working in restaurants thing," he says.

Then he settled in Chicago. Inspired by his new digs, multi-instrumentalist Bell tackled guitar, bass drums and keys on "Peace in My Clandestine Inner War," which dropped this month.

Having visited the city several times in his childhood, Bell says it was a no-brainer to make the move here last summer with an old friend. Now Bell says Chicago feels like home, and he plans to stay for a while.

"I fit in really well," he says. "I'm meeting a lot of good people. It's a good place."

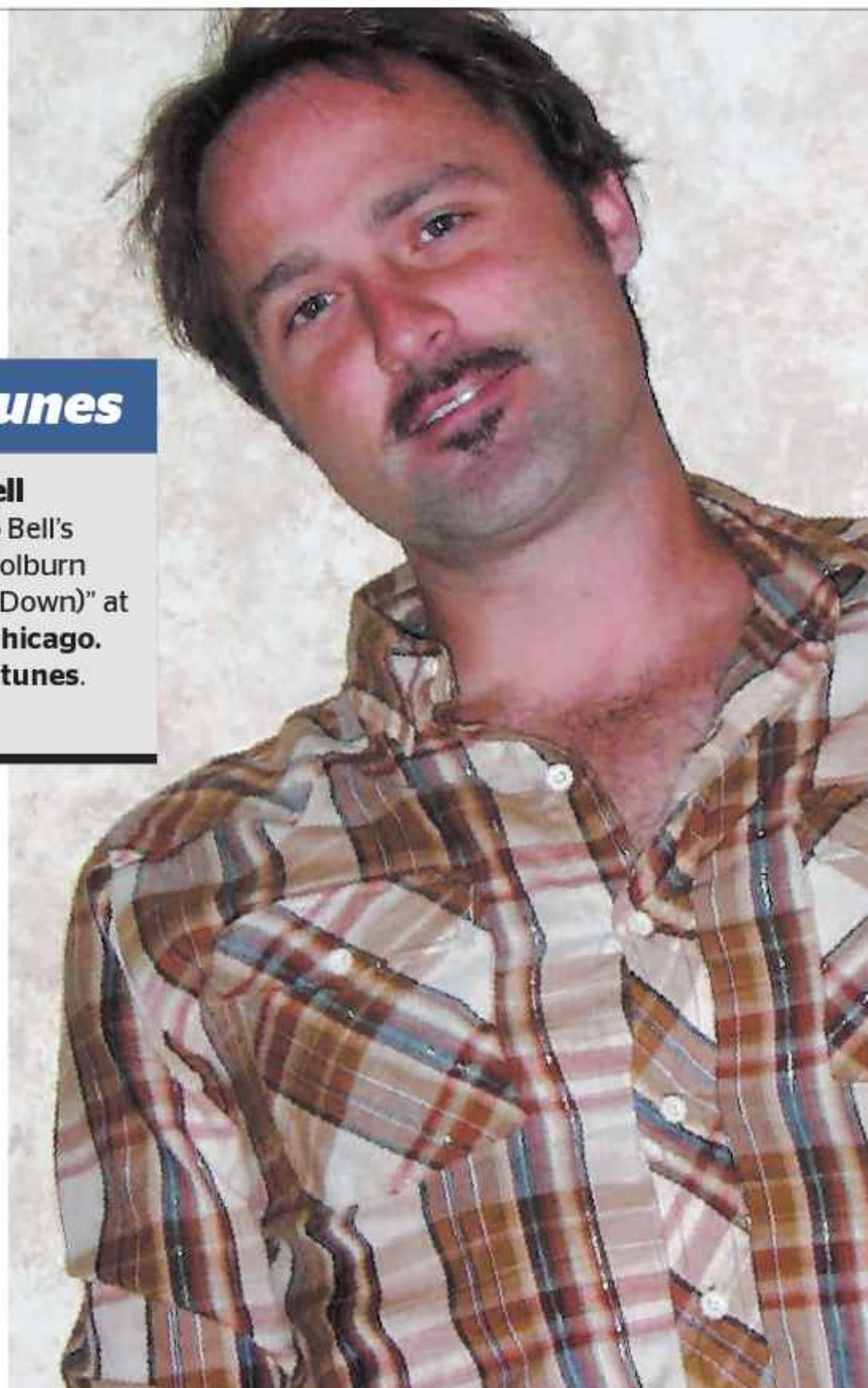
A laid-back guy in general, Bell is taking a mellow approach to promotion for his new album: "I'd like to get out and play some."

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6	"Hot N Cold," Katy Perry	8
7	"If I Were A Boy," Beyonce	17
8	"Miss Independent," Ne-Yo	7
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10	"Just Dance," Lady Gaga	12

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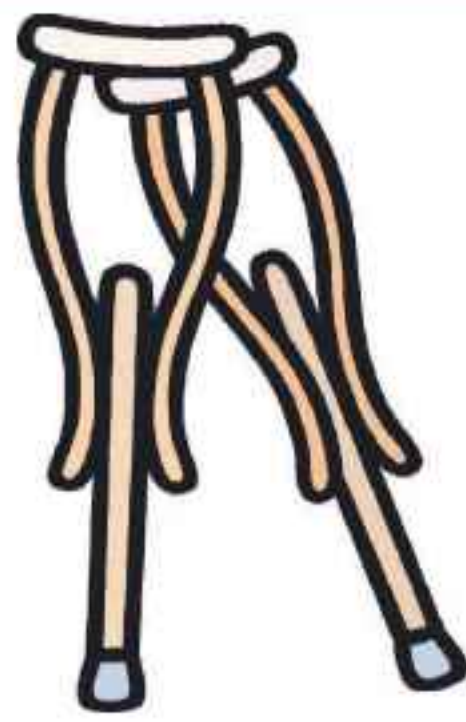
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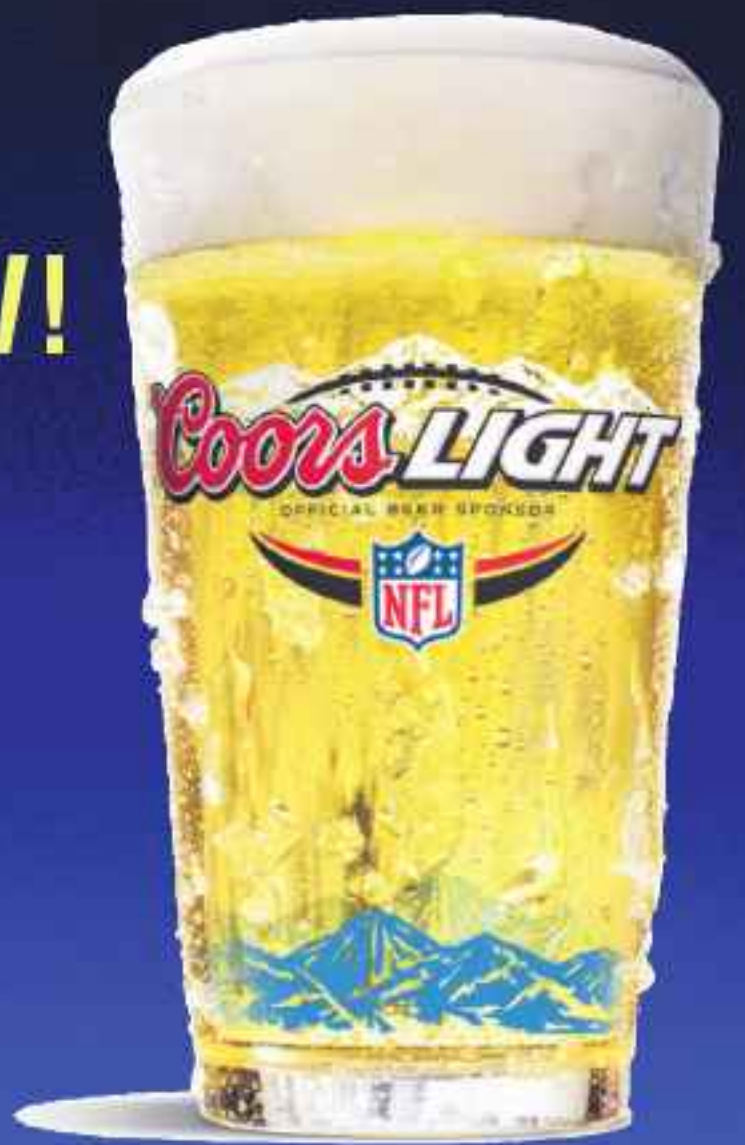
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## PLAID

Some sort of plaid has been in Tommy Hilfiger's fall collection since 1985. It could be a mountain plaid, a buffalo plaid or especially a tartan.

"Plaid represents something cozy, something festive ...," he said. "You can change plaid in so many different ways."

Whether oversized or micro, silk or cotton, customers love them.

Kimberley Newport-Mimran, founder of the Pink Tartan label, said this season she favored tonal plaids, instead of using a lot of contrasting colors. A high-fashion accent color such as deep purple or

metallic like silver or gold also can make a traditional plaid look new, she said.

When the palette is sophisticated, there's more room to mix plaids, especially those of varying size. That said, there should always be some sort of complement among them, either in color or pattern.

At American Eagle, buffalo plaid rules. In menswear, it goes back to the outdoorsy roots of the checkerboard plaid—in jackets, lining and woven shirts—but there are more contemporary silhouettes for women, including a fleece-lined hoodie, a shirtdress and bags.

# Classics reborn

**Designers reinvigorate plaids, paisleys and tweeds for fabulous fall fashions**

### Associated Press

Plaids, paisleys and tweeds are such go-to looks for fall that they are shorthand for cooler weather. But don't write them off as boring just because they're classic.

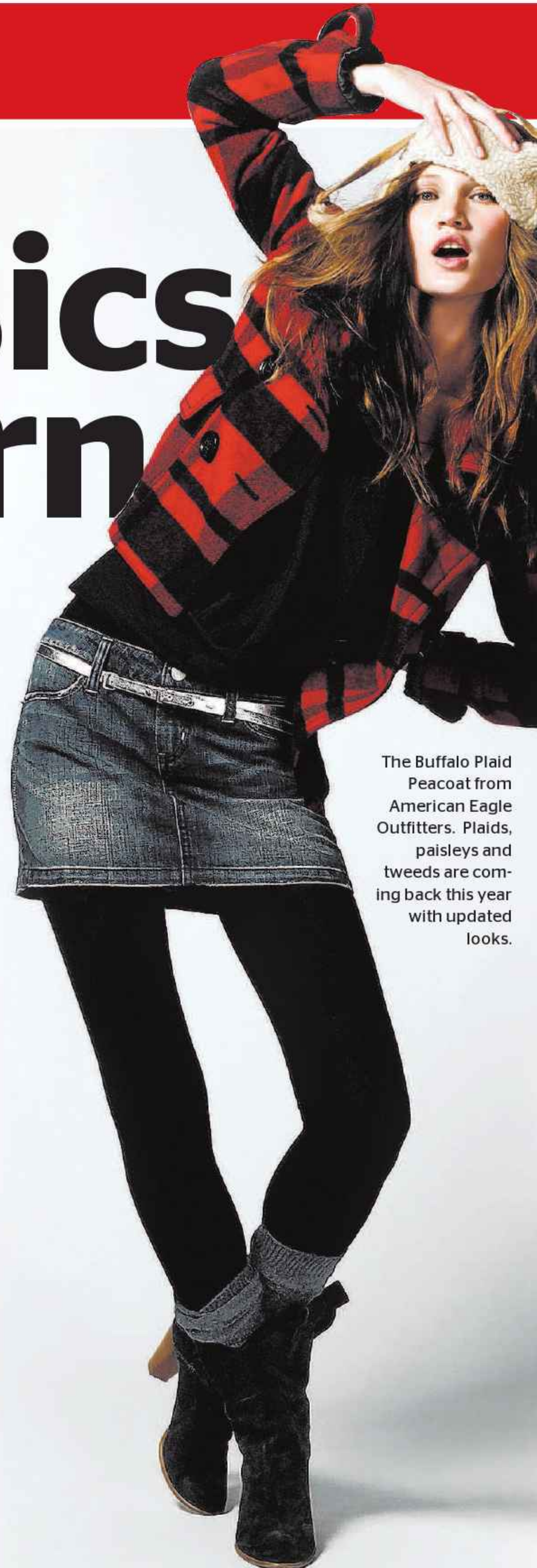
Tweed can be trendy if it's worn with chic jeans, plaid can be recolored into the most of-the-moment combinations and paisley can be a fanciful explosion of color if you let it.

Think of these rich, textured fabrics and prints as you would a popular silhouette, such as a sheath or pencil skirt, said Gretta Monahan, co-host on "Tim Gunn's Guide to Style."

"You want something that says both 'uniqueness' and 'staying power,'" she said.

The secret is to add an unexpected element to the outfit without compromising the familiarity of the fabric. There's also a wise-buy element at play. Because the fabrics are classics, you could extend your wear of a particular garment—say wide-leg plaid trousers or a sueded-elbow tweed jacket—since they have a retro feel even when they're new.

Here's how you can create a fresh look using traditional pieces.



The Buffalo Plaid Peacoat from American Eagle Outfitters. Plaids, paisleys and tweeds are coming back this year with updated looks.



## PAISLEY

Paisley prints can be delicate works of art or '60s psychedelic, depending on the colors and the fabric, Hilfiger said. Right now he'd steer toward something sophisticated, in jewel tones on silk or cashmere.

Talbots is highlighting its "crazy paisley," a large-scale paisley print rooted in juicy tropical colors that fits into the retailer's strategy of courting a more youthful customer.

One of the ways paisleys have been reinvigorated is by using retro palettes, including the "crazy" pink and orange combination and a mix of ocean blues and greens.

On the runway, Tracy Reese continued the idea of a lighter, brighter paisley, mixing and matching with florals and animal prints.



## TWEED

Last fall, Nanette Lepore offered tweed styles in bright and cheerful colors, while this season she mixed the menswear-inspired material with lace. Next year, look for nubby, highly textured tweeds.

What they all have in common, she said, is a lighter touch than traditionally associated with tweed, extending the life of the garment beyond the Halloween-New Year's stretch.

The two popular paths for tweed are either the French-inspired black and white worn with ribbon adornment

and pearls, which Lepore describes as "classic Chanel," or the Scottish-English tweed that's rooted in reds and browns. The brown is probably the easiest to incorporate into the rest of your wardrobe because it mixes easily with both neutral and autumnal color schemes.

Monahan's tweed pick is a pencil skirt, paired with either a white blouse or shrunken leather jacket. A refined, ladylike piece, like the curve-hugging pencil, removes the fear of tweed appearing lumpy or frumpy.



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## Mad for plaid

Whether on shirts, pants or coats, plaid is back in a major way. And you can make it work for you at inexpensive prices. Try pairing a fitted plaid shirt with a baggier denim look, or try tossing a muted plaid coat over your outfit.

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**Where:** South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

**The promotions:** Epic Pass, unlimited ski rental, baggage bailout, fifth night free

**The lowdown:** The Epic Pass came out during the spring season and allows skiers unlimited access to the five Vail Resorts mountains: Heavenly, Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge and Keystone. Cost is \$579 and must be purchased by Nov. 15. Rock Resorts also is extending its fifth night free program to all six holiday periods and its baggage bailout program gives guests \$50 off to cover airline baggage fees. There's also an unlimited ski rental program for \$359; daily demo rentals usually run between \$70-80.



### BEAVER CREEK

[beavercreek.snow.com](http://beavercreek.snow.com)

**Where:** Vail Valley/Colorado Rockies

**The promotions:** Fifth night free during the holidays, third night free with upgrade and breakfast, free Epic pass with Technique Week purchase

**The lowdown:** For the first time this year, the high-end resort is offering a fifth night free promotion during the holidays.

### DEVIL'S HEAD

[devilsheadresort.com](http://devilsheadresort.com)

**Where:** Merrimac, Wis.

**The lowdown:** During the Nov. 28-March 31 ski season, schussers can book the "Weekend Ski Getaway" for \$246-\$330 per person, depending on the date, including two nights' lodging, two dinners, two breakfasts or lunches and three days of skiing.

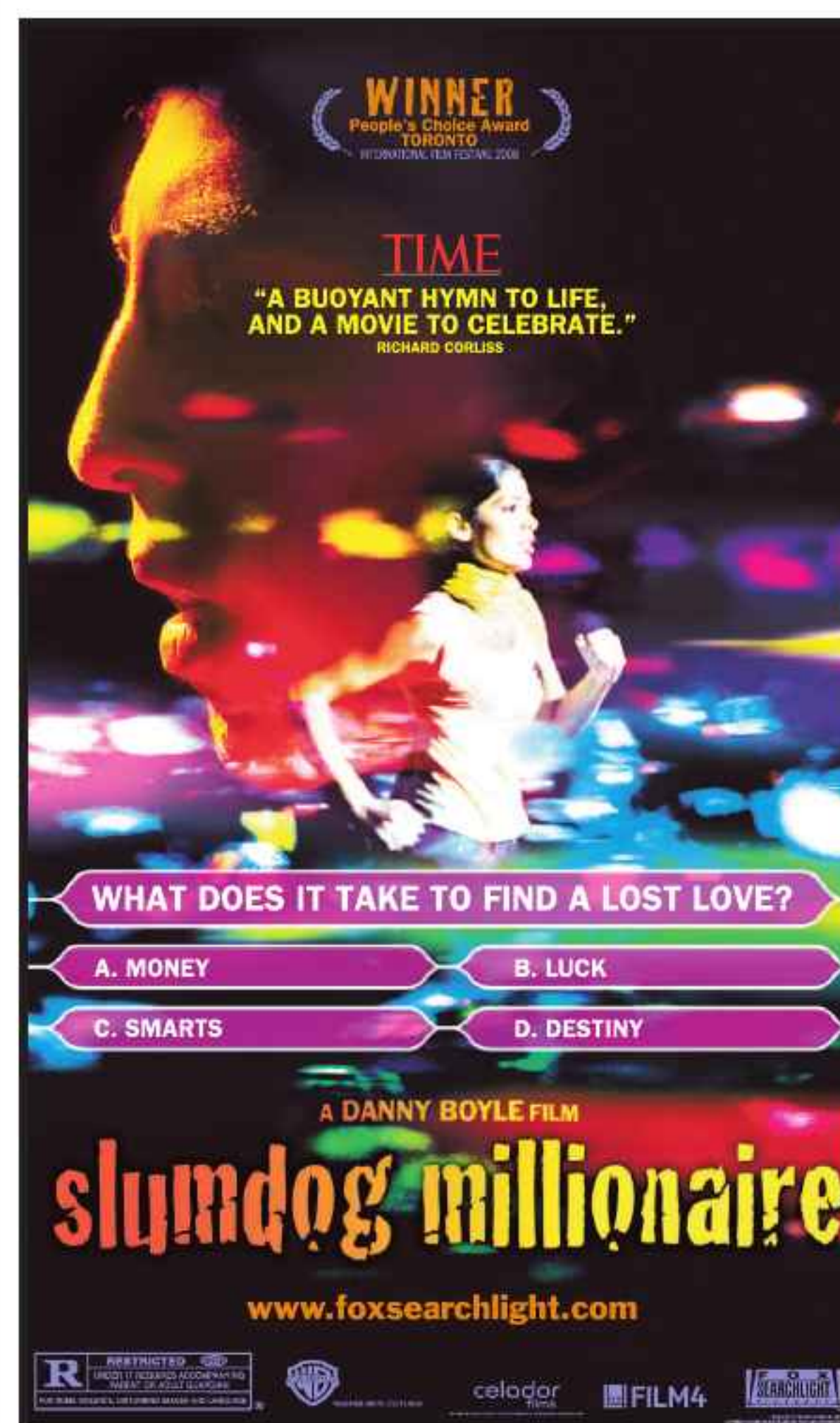
### MOUNT SNOW

[mountsnow.com](http://mountsnow.com)

**Where:** Southern Vermont

**The promotions:** Discount lift ticket pass, \$72 one night midweek ski and stay, electronic billboards

**The lowdown:** The Fanfare Card costs \$99 and gives skiers a 50 percent discount on midweek lift tickets, 25 percent on weekend and 10 during the holidays. The \$72 ski-and-stay deal is \$3 less than the normal cost of a single-day lift ticket, plus it includes a room.



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**50 Cent:  
The Money  
and the  
Power**

9 p.m. Thursday,  
MTV

**The scoop:** This obvious rip-off of "The Apprentice" brings 14 clueless wonders in front of rapper and businessman 50 Cent and his "under-boss," Tony Yayo, who put the young contestants through a series of challenges—a 5-mile footrace in the opener—and offer advice on how they can become successful in the business world. The winner earns a \$100,000 investment from Fiddy, a.k.a. Curtis Jackson.

**What works:** Jackson can't keep from grinning as he runs these wannabes ragged, dissing them all the way. He calls one loud gal a "poor man's Lil' Kim" and tells another she's a bust as a boss. When it comes time to get rid of a contestant, he gleefully proclaims, "You know, this is my favorite part of the whole thing. I get to cut the dead weight, get to lighten the load."

But you won't hear Fiddy uttering Donald Trump's famous "You're fired." No, no: This is 50 Cent, who gets right in the loser's face to deliver a much more hurtful "Get the [bleep] outta here."

**What doesn't:** Jackson wants to help young entrepreneurs? Right. It's obvious what this show is really about: 50 Cent wants to boost sales of his upcoming book, "The 50th Law," written with Robert Greene, author of "The 48 Laws of Power."

**Tune in or out?** If you enjoy cringe-worthy reality-show moments, like when Precious—the "poor man's Lil' Kim"—throws down with Aurora native Nikki, who is Asian, by telling her to "come do my nails," you're going to love this. If you're tired of watching hateful, seemingly desperate people preen and posture, no amount of money—or Fiddy's charm—will keep you tuned in.

50 Cent  
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## GUEST-STAR THURSDAY

**Melinda Clarke on 'CSI'**  
8 p.m. on CBS

The actress returns to play S&M dominatrix Lady Heather, who's always had a thing for Gil Grissom (William Peterson).

**Oprah Winfrey  
on '30 Rock'**  
8:30 p.m. NBC

Liz Lemon meets Oprah! I can't express strongly enough how great this episode is.

**Whoopi Goldberg  
on 'Life on Mars'**  
9 p.m. on ABC

"The View" co-host plays 1970s DJ Brother Lovebutter (left), "in the funkafied flesh."

**BOY ON BOYSTOWN**

Look for Jason Steele next week.

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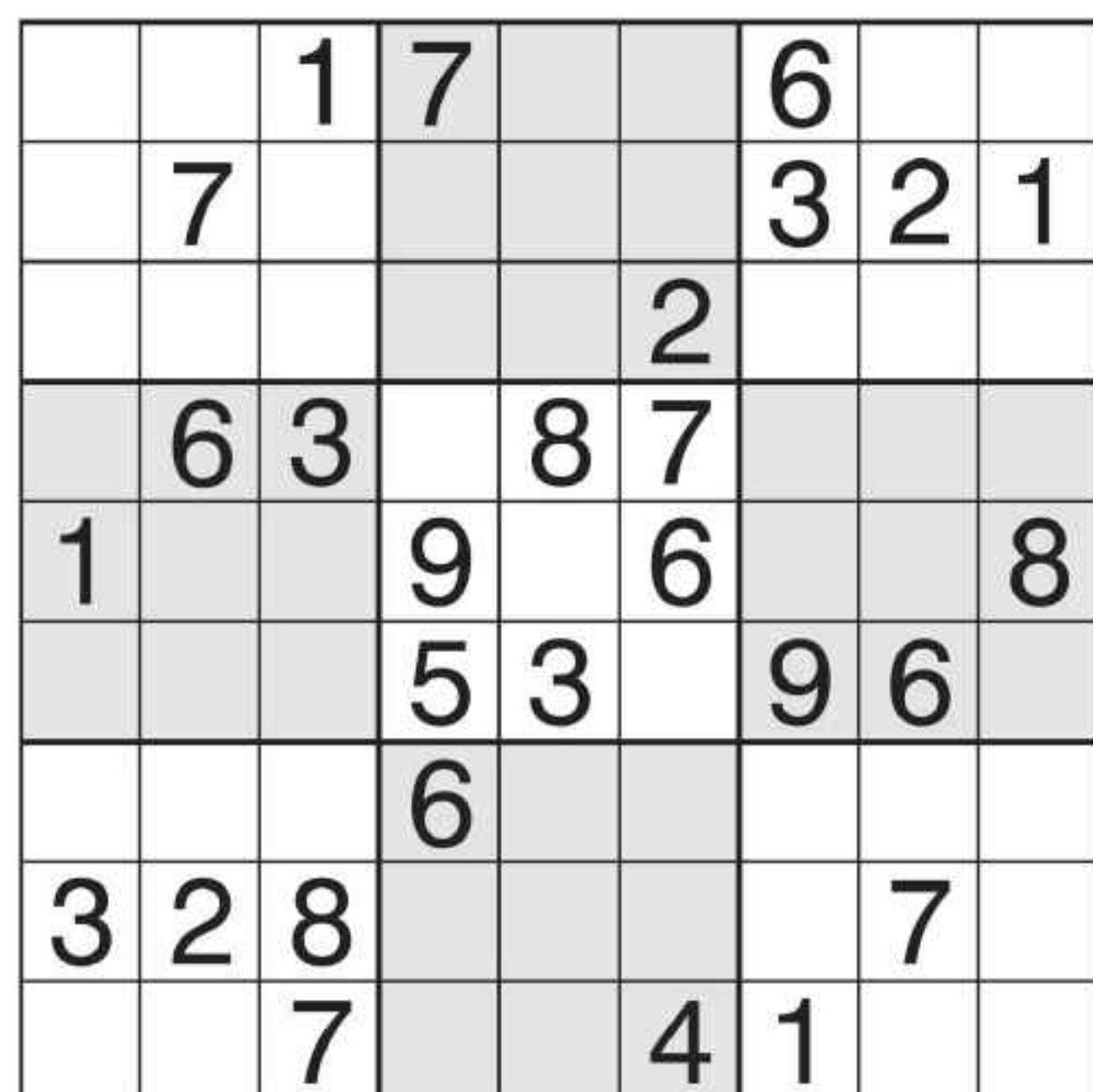
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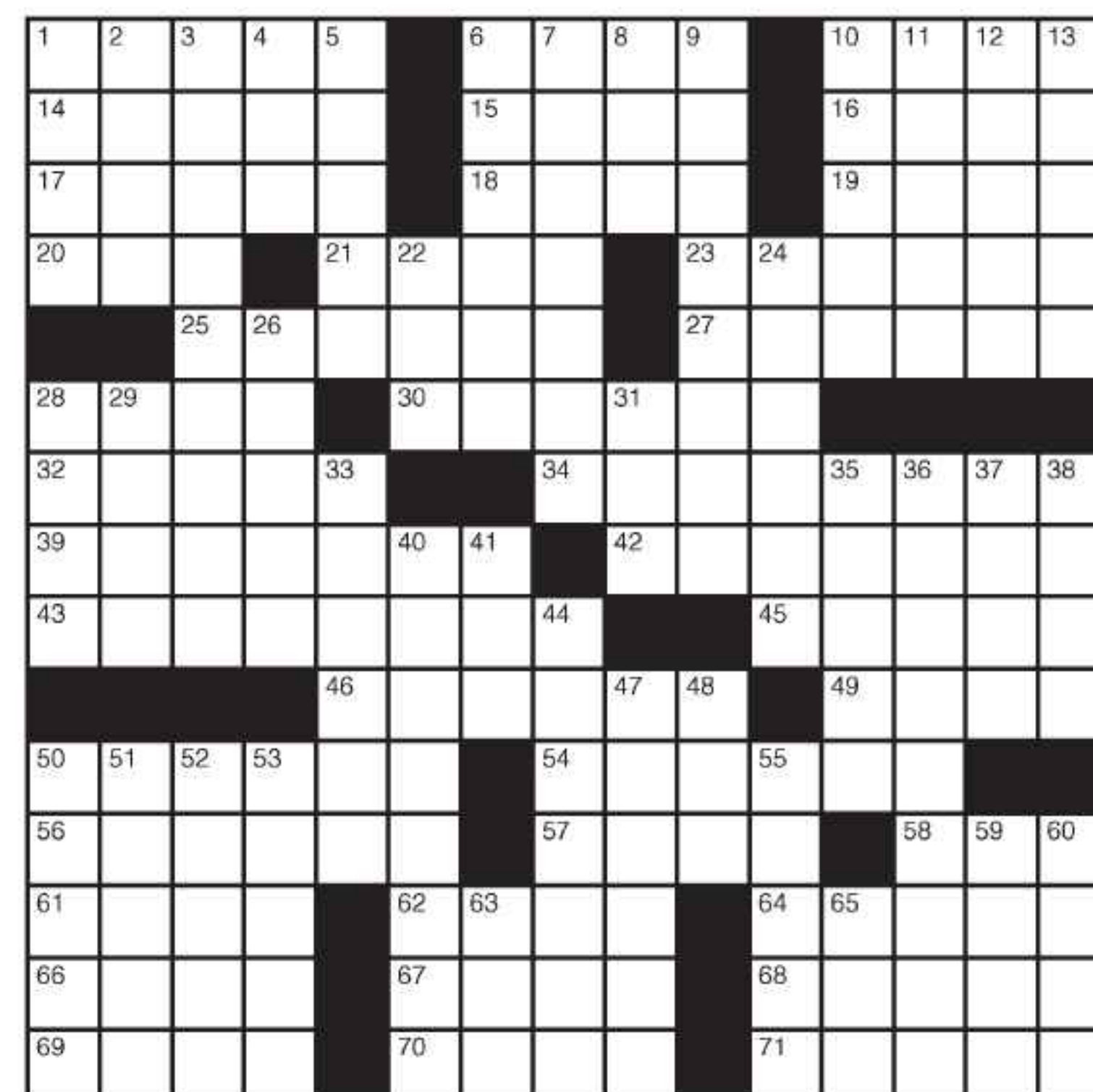
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- 1 Defy authority
- 6 Reach over
- 10 Faucets
- 14 Honshu city
- 15 European capital
- 16 Dispatched
- 17 Kitchen tool
- 18 First felon
- 19 Taj Mahal site
- 20 Continental abbr.
- 21 Obscure
- 23 Gibraltar passage
- 25 Noah's landfall
- 27 Art stands
- 28 On a single occasion
- 30 Collects bit by bit
- 32 Is willing to
- 34 Makes clearer, hopefully
- 39 Makes beloved
- 42 Amount of ooze
- 43 Driver's restraint
- 45 Wooden shoe
- 46 Least decorated
- 49 Swear, casually
- 50 Musical compositions
- 54 Hardy's pal
- 56 Cedar, IA
- 57 Pear-shaped instrument
- 58 Santa, CA
- 61 Guitar adjuncts, briefly
- 62 College credit
- 64 Thespian
- 66 On, (without guarantee)
- 67 Lion's pride
- 68 Storage place
- 69 Otologist's focus
- 70 Ova
- 71 Camouflages

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- 1 Lasso
- 2 Biblical twin
- 3 Predator fish
- 4 \_ out (supplement)



- 5 Insect stage
- 6 Part of SSA
- 7 Prayer book
- 8 The Greatest
- 9 Rubbish
- 10 Rulers before Lenin
- 11 Pond growth
- 12 Danger
- 13 Swings at flies
- 22 Unit of work
- 24 Samples
- 26 Fill an empty flat
- 28 Is in debt to
- 29 \_ of the above
- 31 DDE's rival
- 33 Applied by pats
- 35 Swiftly
- 36 Arranged in columns
- 37 Ids' companions
- 38 Solidifies
- 40 Take back, as control
- 41 Letters on cameras
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# Scandalous!

## RedEye charts some crazy paparazzi madness

It was a rough-and-tumble week of news for the card-carrying members of the paparazzi—and the celebs they follow.

Three separate events underscored how tense the relationship between the paps and the people they cover can be.

Over the weekend, Jessica Simpson's stylist Ken Paves was sent to the hospital after an altercation outside an L.A. hot spot in which a photographer allegedly clocked him with a camera, cutting his eye so bad it required nine stitches.

Paves released a statement to "Access Hollywood" on Monday saying he was OK and asking that everyone lighten up a little bit when it comes to getting the perfect shot.

"While I did not expect a dinner out with friends would end up with me in the emergency room and nine stitches in my head, I am fine," Paves told "Access." "My only real concern on Saturday night, and it remains so in retrospect, was for the safety of my friend and all concerned."

Elsewhere in the celebrity-verse, Keanu Reeves was cleared Monday for injuries a paparazzo said he got when he was hit by "The Matrix" star's car in 2007.

And two surfers who were accused of scuffling with a paparazzo who was taking pics of Matthew McConaughey a while back pleaded not guilty Monday to misdemeanor battery charges.

Yeesh! Can't they all just get along? Here's a look at how these and other recent paparazzi moments chart on RedEye's Scandal Ladder.



Ken Paves (left) was hospitalized after an altercation with a photographer in L.A. over the weekend.

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### JESSICA SIMPSON

**In the line of duty**  
This celeb's stylist was sent to the hospital after an altercation with paparazzi over the weekend.



### KANYE WEST

#### Airport headache

In September, this rapper was caught on tape scuffling with paparazzi at LAX airport in L.A. Somebody's camera got super messed up.



### BRITNEY SPEARS

#### Foot in mouth

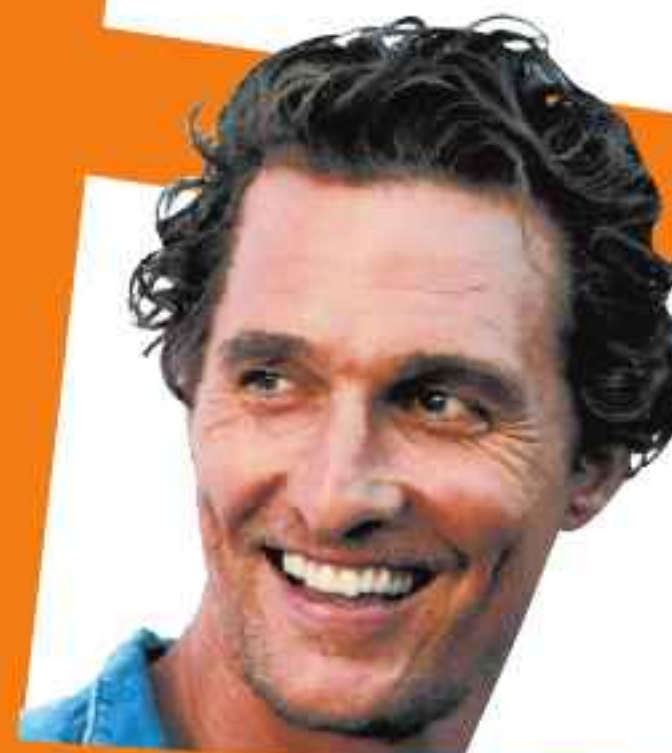
This pop tart had two incidents last year in which she allegedly ran over a paparazzi's foot.



### MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY

#### Surf's up

Fellow surfers allegedly tangoed with a paparazzo who tried to snap shots of His Dudeness surfing in June.



### KEANU REEVES

#### No cash for you!

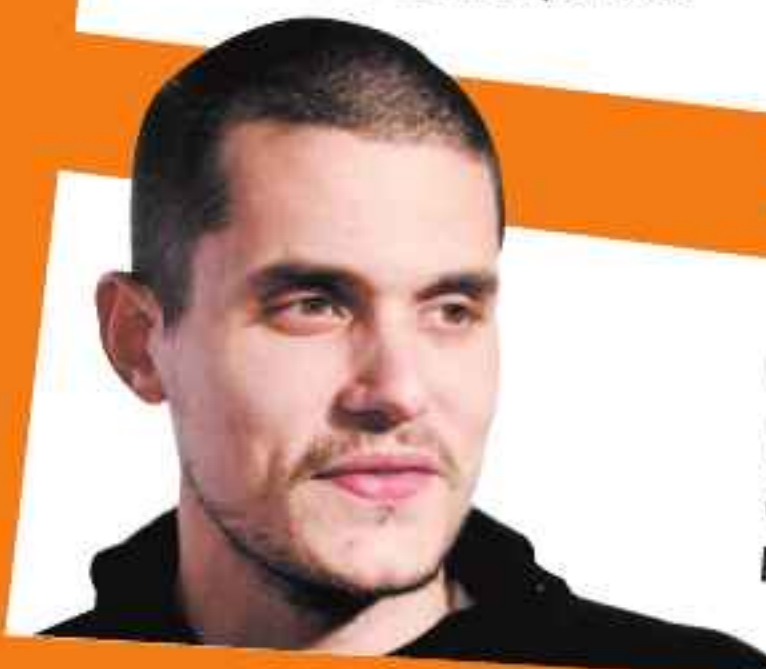
This "Matrix" star got off the hook Monday after a paparazzo claimed the actor owed him money for injuries sustained after he was hit by a car.



### JOHN MAYER

#### Order in L.A.!

In August, this crooner called on L.A. officials to regulate how the paparazzi operate.





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**Jackson**  
AP

## Missing Mac

Samuel L. Jackson doesn't feel normal promoting his latest film "Soul Men" without co-star Bernie Mac. "It's even weirder that he never saw the movie," Jackson tells The Associated Press. In the flick, he and Mac play former bandmates who embark on a zany cross-country road trip to perform at the memorial concert for their deceased lead singer. Mac died of complications from pneumonia in August after production on the film ended.

### Kissed by an Angel?

Holly Madison just has to dish. "E!" cameras caught up with the "Girls Next Door" star at the airport recently, using the opportunity to ask her a series of questions about her relationship with illusionist Criss Angel, with whom she's been spotted since splitting with Hugh Hefner. Asked if she'd get a shotgun wedding with Angel in Vegas, she laughed and said "No! Not going to happen."

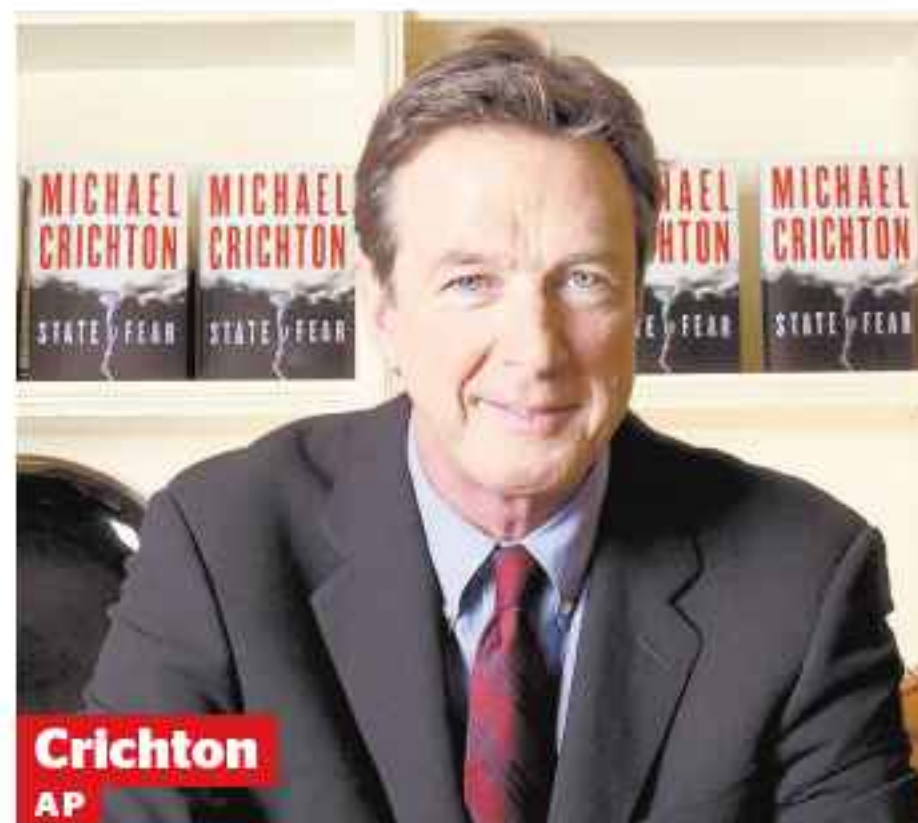
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## Celebrity twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your picture along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to [jxwalsh@tribune.com](mailto:jxwalsh@tribune.com). For Thursday, we have Linda Halbur. Think she's a ringer for Sarah Palin? Text "twin" and the number of your opinion to 47383. You'll get the poll results instantly.

1. DEAD ON

2. WAY OFF



**Crichton**  
AP

### Michael Crichton dies

Michael Crichton, the best-selling author who made scientific research terrifying and irresistible in such thrillers as "Jurassic Park," "Timeline" and "The Andromeda Strain," has died of cancer, his family said. Crichton died Tuesday in L.A. at age 66, AP reports. Many of his books became major Hollywood movies, including "Jurassic Park," "Rising Sun" and "Disclosure."

## NOTED

"Quantum of Solace" banked \$38.6 million overseas last weekend, according to AP.

## QUOTED

"I have to retire just because I have to do my day job," —Tina Fey, to Entertainment Weekly about her Sarah Palin impression.

## DEMOTED

**Jaime Pressly and fiancé Eric Cubiche's relationship**

The "My Name is Earl" star revealed the split to "Access Hollywood."



**Pressly and Cubiche**  
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## Celebs gush over Obama

Celebrities! Politics! Commentary! You're not the only one talking about the presidential election. A whole slew of celebs sounded off Tuesday and Wednesday on Barack Obama's historic rise to the nation's highest office. Here's a look at a few of the highlights, compiled by The Associated Press.



I was so, so, so excited and then just sort of a calm came over me. It feels like it actually is kind of real, so it feels great."

**OPRAH WINFREY** to "The Insider"



"I will jump in the line and support our president because that is what as an American I believe we should do."

**ELISABETH HASSELBECK**, a John McCain supporter, on "The View"



"I've always maintained a strong faith in the power of Obama's positive campaign and am so proud of every citizen who took a stand, participated in the political process and insisted their voices be heard."

**SCARLETT JOHANSSON** said in a statement



"I congratulate President-elect Obama on his historic victory, and now it's time to begin unifying the country so we can take on the extraordinary challenges that this generation faces."

**GEORGE CLOONEY**

## 'O'online

Lindsay Lohan, Michael Moore and Kanye West couldn't keep themselves from sharing their thoughts on the Web—as is their habit, of course.

» Lohan said that everyone who voted, "no matter their choice ... should be proud for voting in the first place."

» West, whose mother Donda died last November, posted a portrait of the president-elect on his blog with the message: "HI MOM, OBAMA WON!"

» Meanwhile, director-provocateur Moore responded on his Web site, saying, "Who among us is not at a loss for words? Tears pour out. Tears of joy. Tears of relief. A stunning, whopping landslide of hope in a time of deep despair."

## THE VELVET ROPE



**Olsen**

## State of denial

Relax, guys: Ashley Olsen is not off the market.

"Contrary to several tabloid reports, Ashley Olsen is not

engaged to be married," her rep, Nicole Caruso, said in a statement to People on Wednesday. "Ashley is dating Justin Bartha and they are very happy."

The statement was in response to tabloid rumors that Olsen and Bartha were planning an elaborate wedding in the south of France.



**Swift**

## Breakup ballad

Taylor Swift's strategy for mending a broken heart was to put her pain to music.

Swift told Ryan Seacrest

on his radio show Wednesday that the song "Always and Forever" was about her October split from Joe Jonas, according to [usmagazine.com](http://usmagazine.com).

"That's just how I deal with things," she said. "It's tough and it's been tough"

But Swift has a sense of humor about her breakup with the Jonas brother, who dumped her over the phone.

In a new video on her MySpace page, she holds up a doll of Jonas and says, "See, this one even comes with a phone, so he can break up with other dolls!"



**Damon**

## Spy vs. spy

Jason Bourne is no James Bond.

That's what Matt Damon, who's made his Bourne character a hit at the box office, tells "E!" when asked

about similarities between the two spy flick franchises. "I don't think that the characters have anything in common at all," he says.

And you won't find any argument from "Quantum of Solace" star Daniel Craig.

"There's a grander scale, there's a more stylistic content to Bond movies," he says. "It's about the location, about the beauty of those locations, it's about suits, it's about style, it's about cars."

The "Bourne" movies, he says, are "dirtier grittier thing."

## 3 million

That's how many people tuned in to the CW's "90210" on Tuesday night during election coverage on other networks. It was only about 500,000 shy of its season average, according to [eonline.com](http://eonline.com).



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